

**CHAPTER 1:
THE LION
AND
THE BAT**







WHAT I
WANT
IS NOT
ENOUGH

AS THE
PERFECT
LION, I WANT
MORE OF
THAT TO
ESTABLISH
THE NOBILITY
I DESP

ANG,

ED-
SPECT,

ADAM-
EAS-
TION

THOBT,

RALE-
PLIN,
WANT I
WANT A
WORD
WITH
YOU?

THRE
ALREADY
ACTING
GOODY-
GOODY
WORTHY
THE
TEACHER
HERE

WORTH
THE
BUT-
THER?

I HAVE
A FAVOR
FOR OUR
WONDERFUL
STUDENT
COUNCIL
PRESIDENT

OH!!
HELLO,
SEN-
SEL!

HA, YES
LAD, HE
HASN'T
BEEN TO
SCHOOL
FOR A
WHOLE
YEAR,
HIS MUM

THERE'S A
SMILE IN IT
IN YOUR
CLAWS
HARD
ASUSO-
KUM
YOU
KNOW
HIM,
DON'T
YOU?





IF YOU WANT
TO HAVE AN
EXCEPTIONAL
RECORD,
YOU'LL NEED
TO BRING
BACK AT
LEAST ONE
FIRST-BUT
LAST

PAID
DANCE

ONLY
ONE

HOW
FAR
YOU
TALK
BEYOND
THE
OF THE
CITY

I SAW
HIM GO
INSIDE A
ROOM
OUT
BUILT-
IN

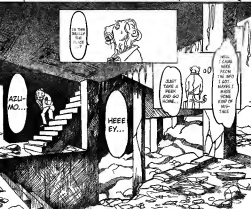
OH, I
HEARD
SOMETHING
LEFT
HIS
HOUSE
AND
LIVES
BY
HIMSELF

IT'S
JUST
OFF-
TOP

YOU'RE
JUST
FORGETTING
THAT
SOMEBODY
TO ME
THANK
YOU
DON'T
WANT
TO DEAL
WITH IT?



WELL, IT'S NOT
LIKE I
HAVE ANY
OTHER
CHOICE
BUT TO
DO AS HE
SAYS.



WHOA!

DID YOU
COME
HERE
TO
EAT
ME?

AZU-
MO...

RUN

A-

.....

YOU'RE AN
INTERLOPER
WHAT DO
YOU COME
FROM FORT?

MAN,
YOU
SCARED
ME.
IF YOU'RE
HERE,
THAN YOU
SHOULD'VE
ANSWERED
ME.

SHIT,
A CLASS-
MATE
JUST SAW
ME ACT
CRAZY.

THE
TEACHERS
ARE
WATCHING
ABOUT YOU
IN THE
GALLERY
COUNCIL.
EVERYBODY
SO I
THINKED I
COULD DO
SOMETHING
TO HELP
YOU.

HMM
WHAT
DID I
COME
HERE
FOR, EH?

.....



WHY AREN'T
YOU COMING
TO SCHOOL?
IF THERE'S
ANYONE
BULLYING YOU,
I COULD DO
SOMETHING
ABOUT IT!
I-LET ME
HELP YOU!

EVEN
MORE
THAN I
IMAG-
INED.



YOU
HAVE A
SHALLOW
MINDSET.



WHAT?
?

...

ESPECIALLY
SINCE BEING
A LION IS THE
ONLY THING
YOU'RE
PROUD
ABOUT
YOURSELF...

IN THE 17
YEARS OF
YOUR LIFE,
YOU MUST'VE
NEVER
EXPERIENCED
TRUE
SADNESS
OR PAIN.

YOU MUST BE
DESPERATE
TO USE YOUR
HUGE BODY
TO HIDE THAT
YOU'RE A
COMPLETE
NOBODY.



THAT'S WHY YOU
ALWAYS ACT LIKE
A KNOW-IT-ALL.
WHY YOU HESSE
UP YOUR NAME
EVEN THOUGH
IT'S NOT FULLY
GROWN YET.
EVERYTHING
IS ALL ABOUT
YOU, YOU, YOU.

HEY

HEY!

YOU'LL
DEGRADE
YOURSELF

INTO A
MOROSE
LESS
RESPECTED

AND
WHEN
YOU
FINALLY
GROW
UP,

DON'T
BULL-
SHIT
ME.

I'M A LION
BEFORE
I'M THE
STUPENT
COUNCIL
PRES-
IDENT.



I'M NOT
GONNA
TAKE
THIS
SHIT
FROM A
DUMB
BASTARD



DO YOU
THINK
I'M
SCARED
OF YOU?



I'M USED TO
PREDATORS
WITH YOUR
FANGS, EYES,
AND PANTING.



W- YOU'RE
THAT
SUPPOSED
TO BEIN'
UP



MY PARENTS
WERE EATEN
BY A LION
LAST YEAR.



YOU'LL
ALWAYS
USE
VIOLENCE
AS YOUR
LAST
RESORT.

SO,
I KNOW
YOUR
TRUE
NATURE.



TRY AND
SHOW
EVERY-
ONE IN
SCHOOL

WHO YOU
REALLY
ARE.

YOU'LL
FEEL
MUCH
BETTER
ABOUT
YOUR-
SELF



YOU'RE
BETTER
OFF

EATING
ME
WHOLE
RIGHT
NOW.



AFTER
ALL,
IT'S
IMPOS-
SIBLE

FOR A
LION
TO BE
A
HERO.



WHAT IF
I DON'T
CON-
TROL
MYSELF
BACK
THEN...?



THAT
WAS THE
FIRST
TIME I
POUNCE
MY
FANGS
AGAINST
ANYONE...
I
COULDN'T
TAKE
BACK TO HIM.



I'M
SORRY
HARGO

I BET HE
WOULDN'T
WANT TO
SEE ME
ANYMORE.
I'M NOT
GONNA GO
THERE
ANYMORE.



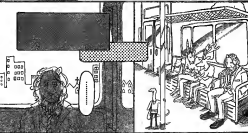
LOO-
REAL.

YOU NEED
TO GO
TALK
DEEPT
WITH
YOUR
CORNER
GU.
I EXPECT
A LOT OF
GREAT
THINGS
FROM YOU.



WHL
PSSSS.

RAAG,
YOU'RE
GOING TO
OBSERVE
TODAY-
MORROW, SO
YOU'LL
NEED A
LUNCH
READY.







IT WAS THE
FIRST TIME I
SAW AZUMO
NOT HANGING
UPSIDE DOWN.



IT MADE ME
REMEMBER
THAT HE WAS
MY CLASSMATE.



IT
RECALLED
MY
RETURN
FROM
THE
LAST
QUEST
- I
THINK
I
DID
OKAY



OH, THIS
QUEST
WAS
Tough,
HOW
DO
YOU
THINK
YOU
DID
- PROBABLY
NOT
GOOD
- IN
ABOUT







THE MORE WE'LL MEET, THE LESS HOSTILE AGMO WOULD TREAT ME

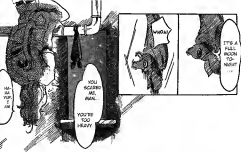
WE'RE JUST TWO 17-YEAR-OLD BOYS. NOTHING MORE, NOTHING LESS.

HOWEVER I'M WITH AGMO, THE WORLD FEELS KIND OF SIMPLE.



OH, COME ON IN.





HA-HA
YEP, I AM

YOU'RE TOO
HEAVY

YOU
SCARED
ME,
MAN...



WOW...



IT'S A
FULL
MOON
TODAY

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YOU'RE STILL
SCARED
OF
THAT
BOK, AREN'T YOU?

I WAS
SCARED
OF MY
LEGS NOT
BEING ON
THE
GROUND
LIKE THEY
WOULD...
17 ARE



I USED TO BE
SCARED OF
THE BACK
WHEN I WAS
IN ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL...
I WAS THE
ONLY ONE IN
MY CLASS
WHO COULDN'T
GET BACK UP
CIRCLES

WOW...

BACK
THEN



HAHA
BUTTER I
CAN'T
DECIDE
YOU
HIGH

WHEN I
GOT MAD
AT YOU
I WAS
SCARED
THAT
YOU WOULD
THROUGH
MY VIOLENT
NATURE...









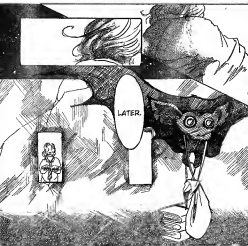


I'M
SURE
YOU'LL
BE-
COME
A
GREAT
LION.



I
BELIEVE
IN YOU.







■ I thought they were apart.
They are still connected.
They await the day
they can meet again.

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3000 Beast Complex

*They say that everyone
has some kind of weakness,
but I don't feel anything I
like that From my whiskers.*

CHAPTER 2:
THE TIGER AND THE BEAVER



WE'RE
GONNA
INFIL-
TRATE
THEIR
DORM.

YEAH, MAN...
THEY SAID
CARNIVORES
SMELL BAD

THE
NERVE
OF THEM,
RIGHTY
DAMN
INTER-
VORES..

AND WE
ONLY
ACT NICE
TO LURE
PREY...



WAIT,
ARE
YOU
SERIOUS
...?

FIRST,
WE
NEED TO
KNOW
WHERE
THE
SECURITY
CAMERAS
ARE...

ALL
RIGHT,
TIME
FOR A
MEET-
ING!!
WHAT'S
THE
PLAN?

YOU'RE
ALL GOING
TO THE
HIDEYHOLE
BUILDING??

I'M
SURETHAT
YOU'D WANT
TO GET FIRST
THAT WILL
JUST TO
MEET HIM
WHAT
ARE YOU
WORRIED
ABOUT?

WELL
YEAH
LET'S
ALL GO
TOGETHER

YOU
JUST
WANT
TO GO
PLAY
WITH
MOG,
DON'T
YOU?!!

I CAN
ONLY
SEE ONE
SUICIDE
SUCCESS

WHY IS IT
THAT WE
HAVE TO BE
SEPARATED
FROM THE
HIDEYHOLE'S
WHEN WE
TURN 10?

WE'RE
LIKE
BROTHERS

DON'T BE
LIKE THAT.
WE'VE
BEEN
TOGETHER
SINCE THE
DAY WE
WERE
BORN

OH,
SHOOT!
MOG'S
IS
ALMOST
OVER!

SORRY
MOG!



HE IS THE
BIGGEST
FELINE...

SIBERIAN TIGER
GON (10)



WHAT DID
YOU EXPECT?
HE'S 10 YEARS
OLD LIKE THE
REST OF US,
BUT ONCE HE
HITS PUBERTY,
HE'S GONNA
GROW UP TO
BE BIGGER AND
STRONGER
THAN ALL OF
US.

IS GON
REALLY
THE
NEXT
LEADER?



WILL HE
STILL BE
FRIENDS
WITH THAT
BRAVER?
EVEN
THOUGH
HE'S A
SIBERIAN
TIGER...?



BUT
WHAT
WILL
HAPPEN
AFTER
THAT?

MAYBE
HE'LL BE
LIKE OTHER
UPPER-
CLASSMEN
AND LOSE
SIGHT
OF THE
NATURAL
ORDER.



UH, WE WERE TALKING ABOUT PLAYING DODGE BALL BEFORE RECESS ENDS.

GO, WHAT WERE WE TALKING ABOUT BEFORE THIS?

WE NEI-
THER ...

...YOU KNOW, I DON'T LIKE LOOKING AT THOSE TWO...

YOU KNOW, THE CARNIVORES HAVE BEEN ACTING REAL JIMMY LATELY.



YOU KNOW, IF OUR PARENTS WEREN'T NEIGHBORS, WE PROBABLY WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN FRIENDS.

I DON'T LIKE THAT. IT SOUNDS DEPRESS-
ING.

Beh.

THE CARNIVORES ARE ONLY GONNA GET STRONG-
ER AND STRONG-
ER.

I WON OUR
WEAT'S WINDING
WITH THEM.

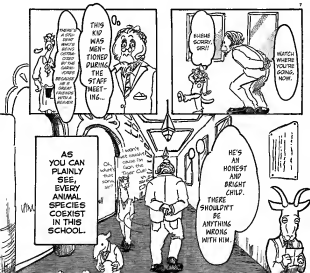
I HEAR YOU, I HEAR YOU. JUST DON'T SHOUT. YOU'LL MAKE EVERYONE GET THE WRONG IDEA.

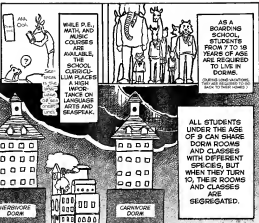
IS GO UP TO YOU AND TALK ABOUT YOUR STUPID

That's not true. I definitely would've talked to you.

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I THINK
THAT'S
SCARY.

MAYBE IT'S
BECAUSE OF
GROWING
SEASON...
I HEAR
CANINES
CAN
SUDDENLY
GROW
TALLER
WHEN THEY
TURN 10.

I DON'T
REALLY MIND...
MAYBE IT'LL BE
HARDER FOR
US TO PLAY
TOGETHER,
BUT I CAN'T
STOP YOU
FROM GETTING
TALLER...

.....

HEY,
BOB.
DO YOU
NOT
WANT
ME TO
GET
TALLER?



I'M JUST
TELLING THE
TRUTH... I'M
GONNA HOPE
IT WON'T
COME TO
THAT...

WHAT?
COME
ON, MAN!
DON'T
SAY YOU'LL
DIE!!

HEY
!!



IT'S
TIME
FOR
GOING
TO
RECOVER.

SO,
WHAT
IF I
PINCHED
YOU?



I'D
DIE.

A
SOUND...



DON'T
FUCK
WITH US!
YOU SAID
YOU'D
GIVE US
20,000
!!



WHAT
?!

I DON'T
HAVE ANY
MONEY...
YOU'VE
SUCKED
ME DRY...

GIVE IT
AL-
READY.

ENO,
JUST
GIVE US
10,000.

YOU DO
HAVE
10,000,
RIGHT?

GIVE ME THE MONEY!
I KNOW YOU HAVE IT!

WOULD YOU RATHER
YOU LOSE
YOUR MONEY
OR YOUR FINGERS
?!!

W-WHAT
SHOULD
WE DO?
SHOULD
WE HELP
HIM...?

THEY'RE
BULLY-
ING AN
HERBIVORE...

AH...
THOSE
MUST BE
UPPER-
CLASS-
MEN...

YOU
MIGHT BE
ABLE TO
TAKE
THEM ON
IF YOU
WERE
TWO
YEARS
OLDER.

A GOLDEN
EAGLE,
A KOMODO
DRAGON,
A COYOTE, AND
A JAGUAR...

THEY'RE ALL
VIOLENT...

OH,
THAT'S
RIGHT.

I SAID
GIVE ME
THE
MONEY!!

I'VE GOT
SOMETHING
IN MY
ROOM.



THIS IS
THE CAMERA
MY DAD GAVE
ME AS A HAND-
ME-DOWN.
IT CAN
TAKE FIVE
PICTURES.



I
RESPECT
YOU.

WOW,
YOU'RE
AMAZING.

?



THAT
WOULD GO
SO FAR
TO HELP
AN
UPPER-
CLASS-
BURN
FROM
BULLIES.



WE'RE GOING
TO TAKE A
PICTURE OF
THOSE BULLIES
AS EVIDENCE
AND SHOW THIS
TO A TEACHER.
THE TEACHERS
WON'T IGNORE
IT SINCE IT'LL
BE CAPTURED
ON FILM.



?

I'M NOT
REALLY
DOING IT
FOR THE
UPPER-
CLASS-
BURN.

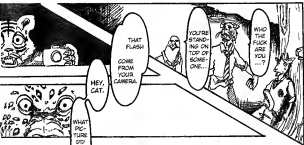


IF I
IGNORE
THOSE
BULLIES,
I FEEL
LIKE THE
CARNIVORES
FROM OUR
YEAR ARE
GONNA
START
BULLYING
THE HERBI-
VORES.









GIVE
ME
YOUR
CAME-
RA...





AFTER
THEM!!

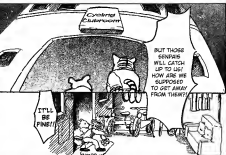
OH,
THEY'RE
GETTING
AWAY!

**RUN
!!**



IF WE GIVE
THEM THE
CAMERA,
THEY'LL END
UP BULLYING
US NEXT!!

H-HEY,
GON
WAS
GIVING
THE
CAMERA
TO THEM
NOT AN
OPTION?!





LET'S TRY
SPLIT-
TING
UP.

WHERE'D
THEY
GO...?



SHIT!

OH!



GET
ON
ME!

GET
'EM!

A MOVING
TARGET
IS WHAT
BIRDS
OF PREY
LIVE FOR.

TO
THE
HEAD-
MAS-
TER'S
OFFICE!

STRAIGHT
AHEAD!!

I CAN'T
BELIEVE
I'M THE
ONE
ON THE
WHEEL!!
WHERE
AM I
SUPPOSED
TO GO?!





I'LL MAKE
YOU A
GOOD
OFFER.

YOU
KOLY
HIS

LEAVE!

SHUT
UP
AND
LISTEN!

I'M WILLING
TO LET
YOU JOIN
OUR TEAM.
WHEN THE
NEXT YEAR
HITS,
WE'LL TREAT
YOU LIKE
FAMILY.

YOU'RE A SHEEP
TODAY, RIGHT?
NEXT YEAR, YOUR
BODY WILL GROW
BURY THEM
LARGER THAN
BEFORE. YOU'LL
BE STRONGER
THAN ALL OF US.



COME
BACK!

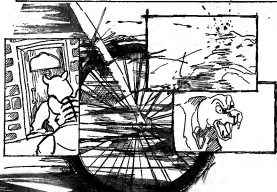
GO!

IT SHOULD
BE BETTER
THAN HAND-
ING OUT WITH
THAT BORING
DEALER,
YEAH?

IF
YOU'RE
SMART,
YOU'LL
JOIN US.

STOP ACTING
LIKE A
GOODY-GOODY
TWO SHOES
AND BE TRUE
TO YOUR
FERAL
INSTINCTS.







THEY HAD
NOWHERE
TO RUN.





THE PICTURES THAT SHOWED THEM BULLYING THAT HERBIVORE, IN ADDITION TO MY FACE, WAS MORE THAN ENOUGH TO PROVE THEIR GUILT.



HOWEVER, THE HEADMASTER ONLY GAVE THEM A ONE-MONTH SUSPENSION...



YOU'RE NOT GOING TO EXPEL THEM?



YOUR FIGHT WITH THEM WASN'T FOR NAUGHT.

THEY HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO CHANGE THEIR WAYS. AS LONG AS THEY ARE STUDENTS, I CAN'T ABANDON THEM...



WHAT YOU TWO SHOULD REALLY WORRY ABOUT ARE YOUR FUTURES.







IT'S
NOTHING
TO BE
SAD
ABOUT.

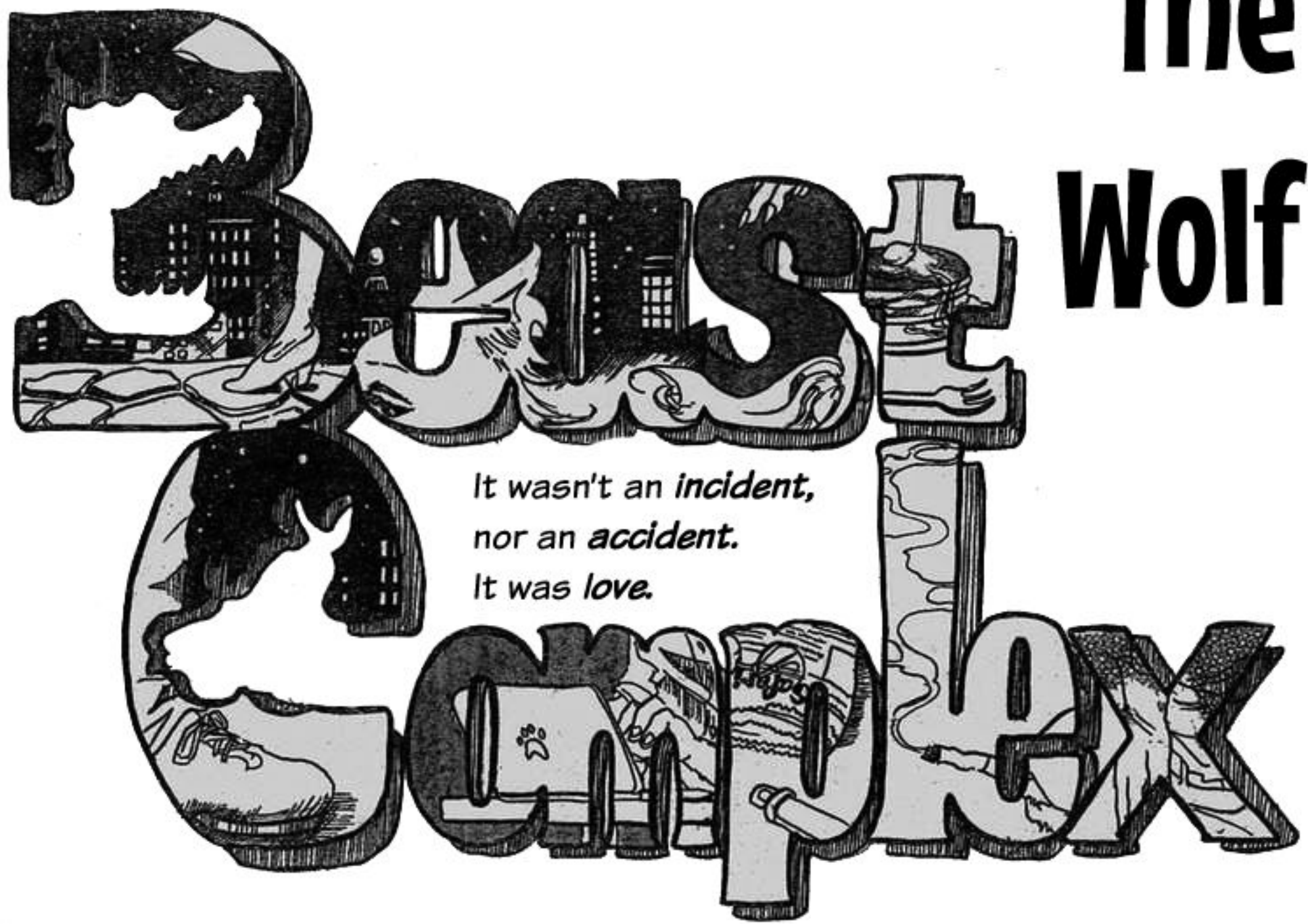
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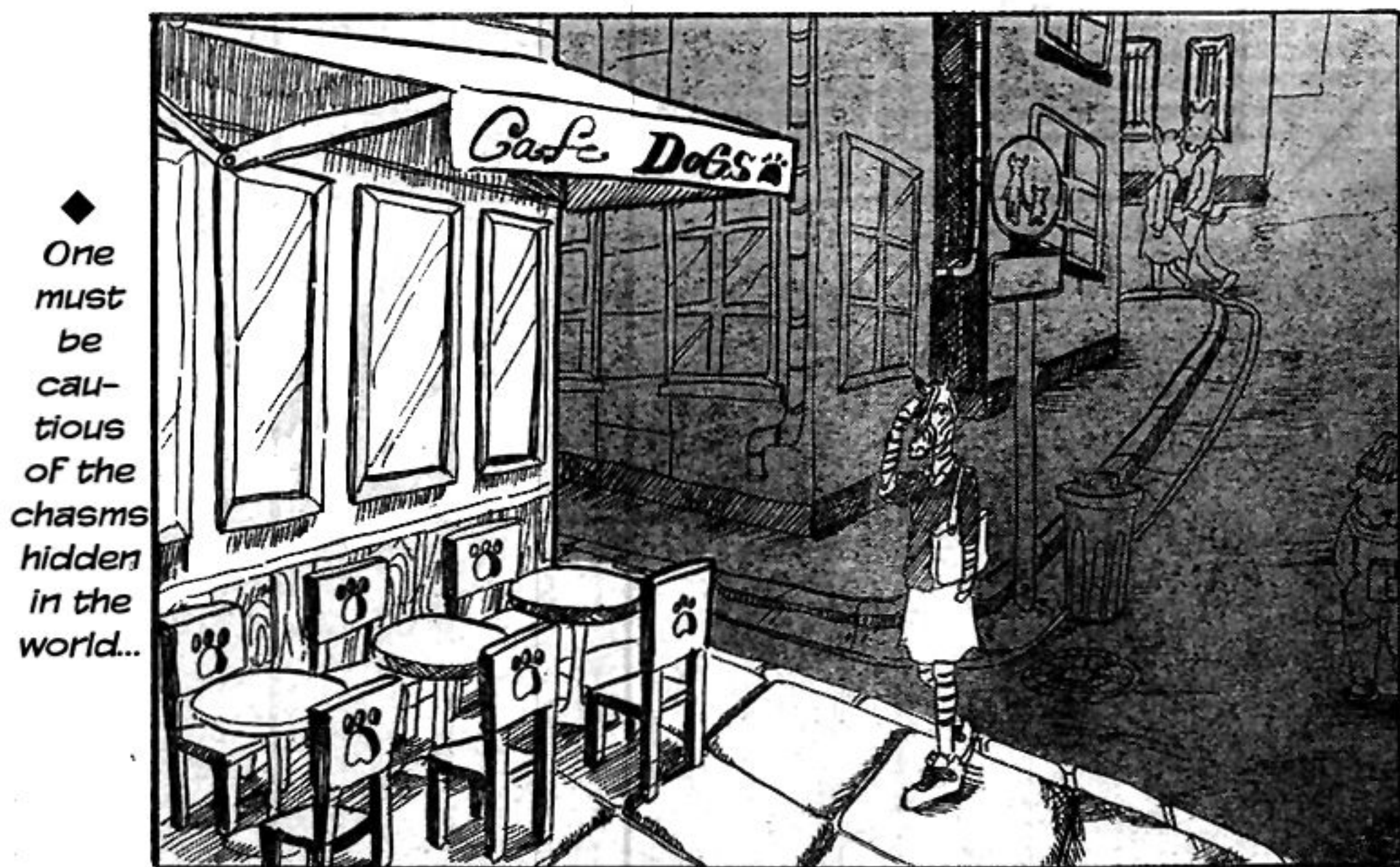
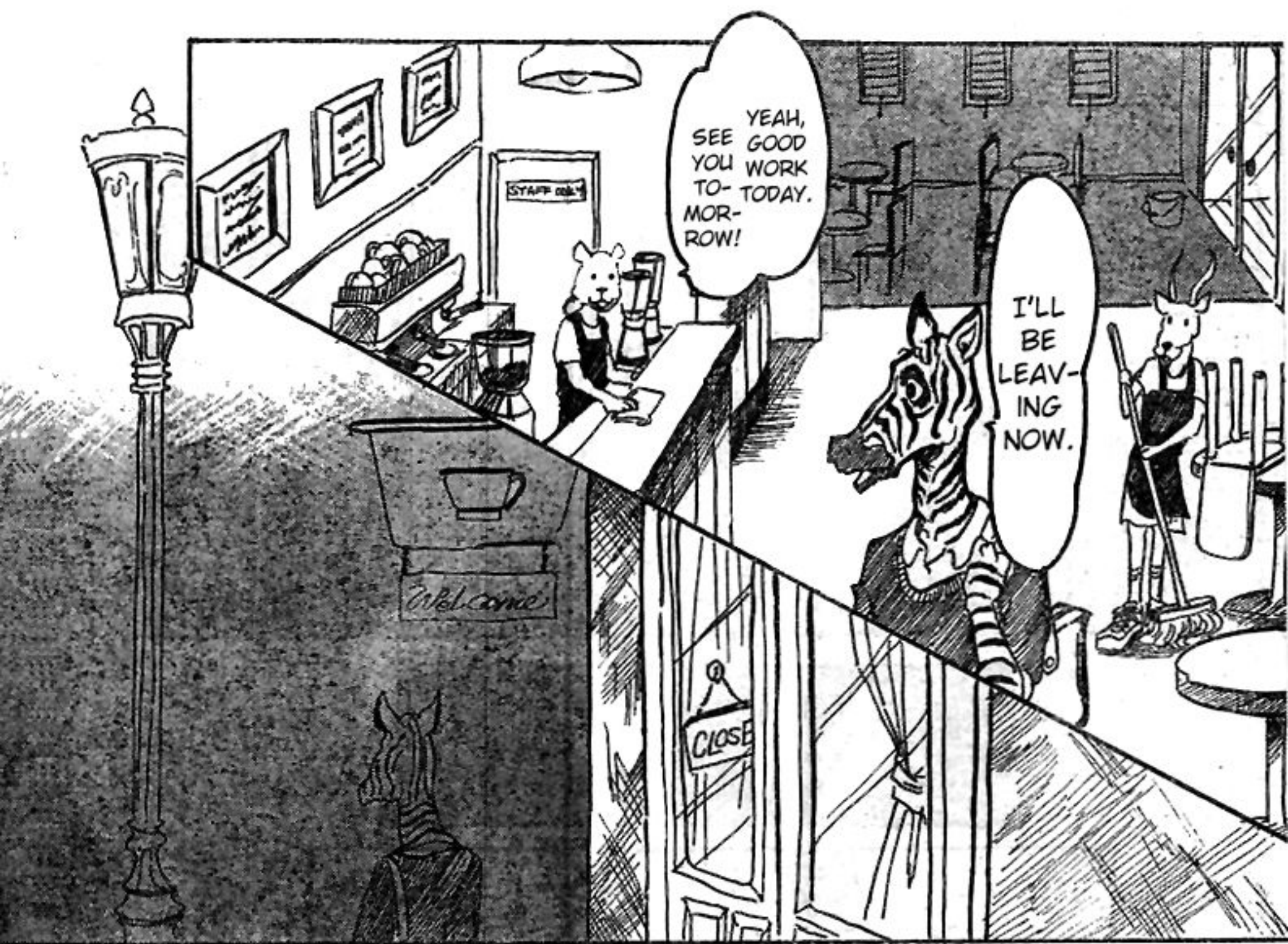
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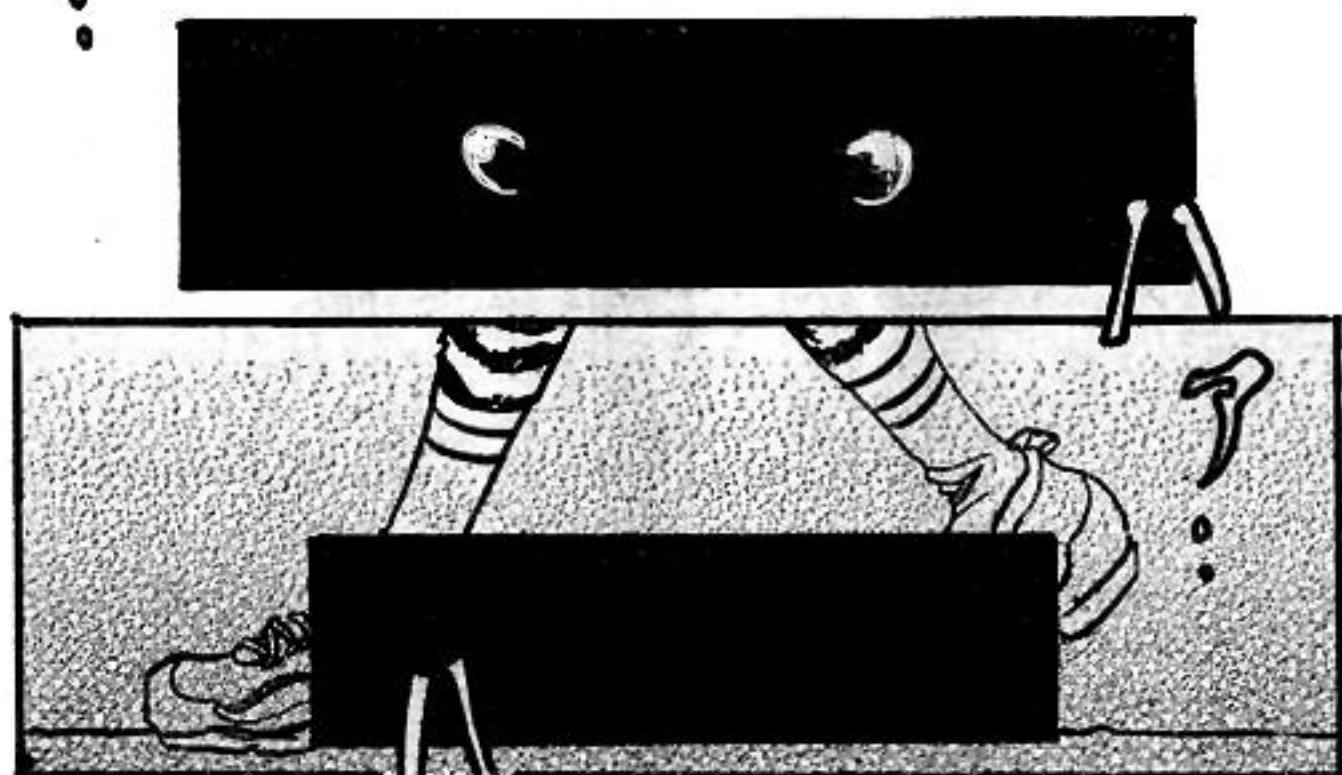
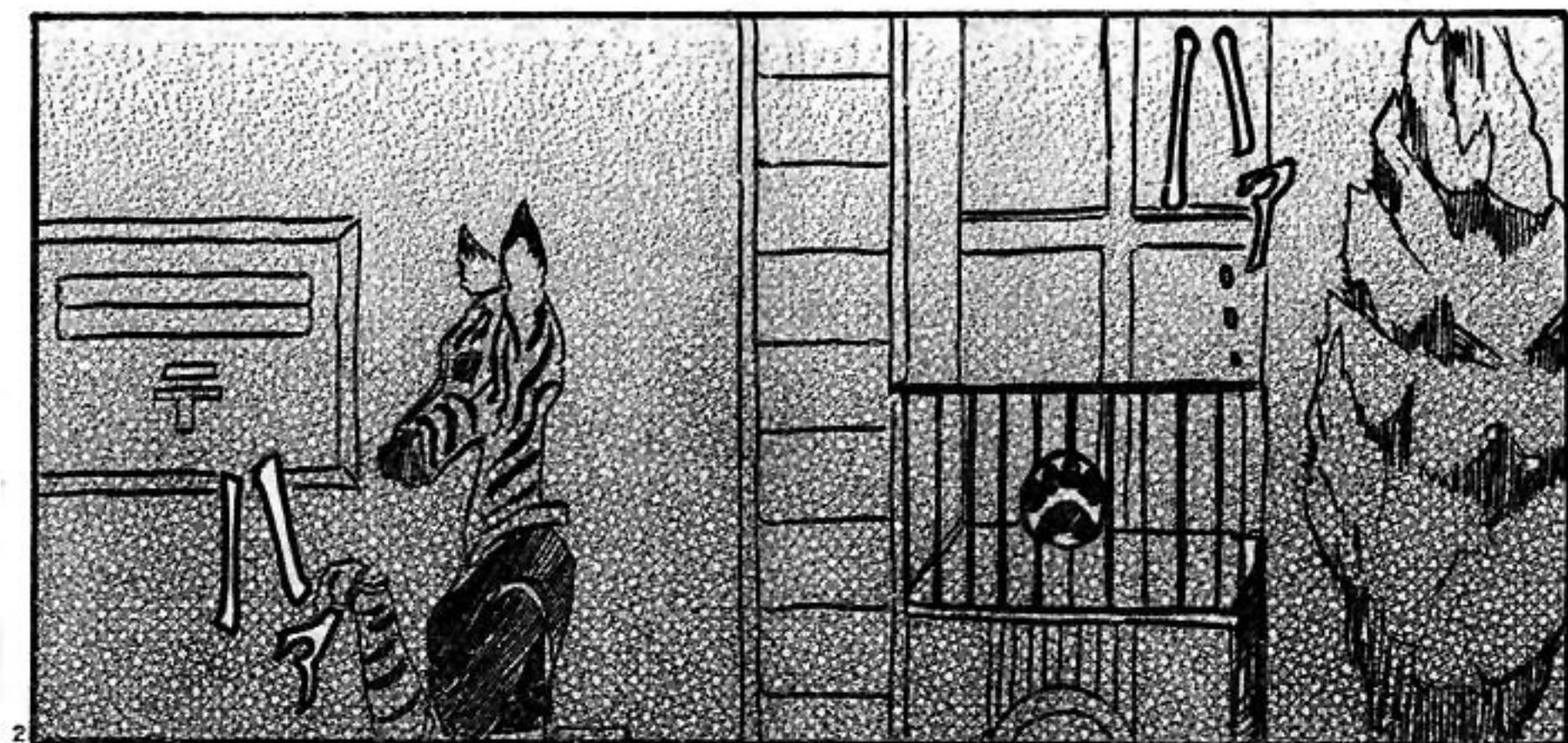


It wasn't an *incident*,
nor an *accident*.
It was *love*.

What this
rookie mangaka
wishes most
is for you,
the reader,
to enjoy yourself.



◆
One
must
be
cau-
tious
of the
chasms
hidden
in the
world...





IN WOODS AVENUE
AND 21ND STREET,
A FEMALE ZEBRA
WAS ON HER WAY
TO WORK WHEN A
MALE TIGER BIT
HER SHOULDER.
SHE LATER DIED
IN THE HOSPITAL
FROM BLOOD
LOSS.

ANY
CARNI-
VORES
HERE?!
HOLD
HIM
DOWN!!!

SHIT,
IT'S
A
DE-
VOU-
RER!
!

OH!

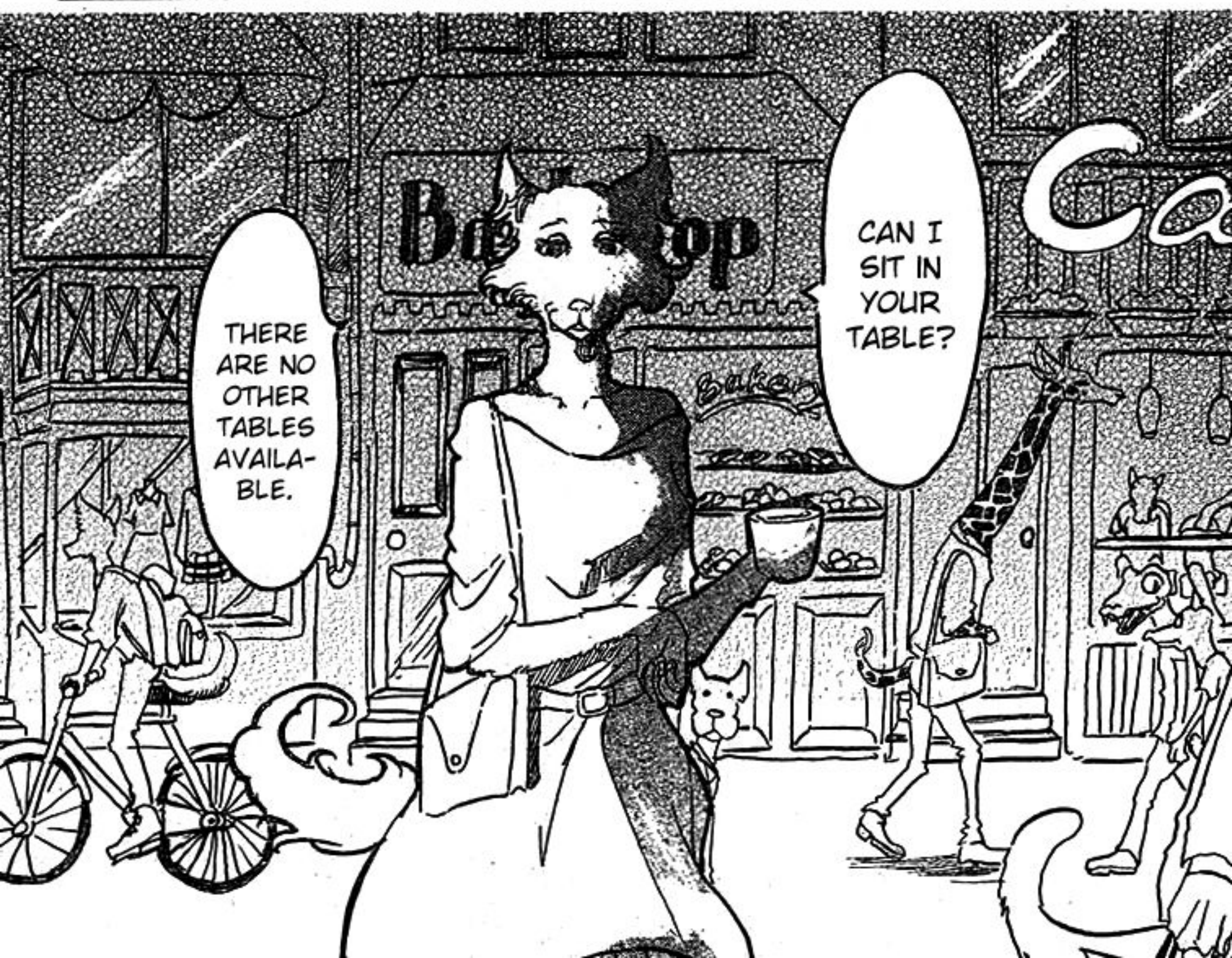
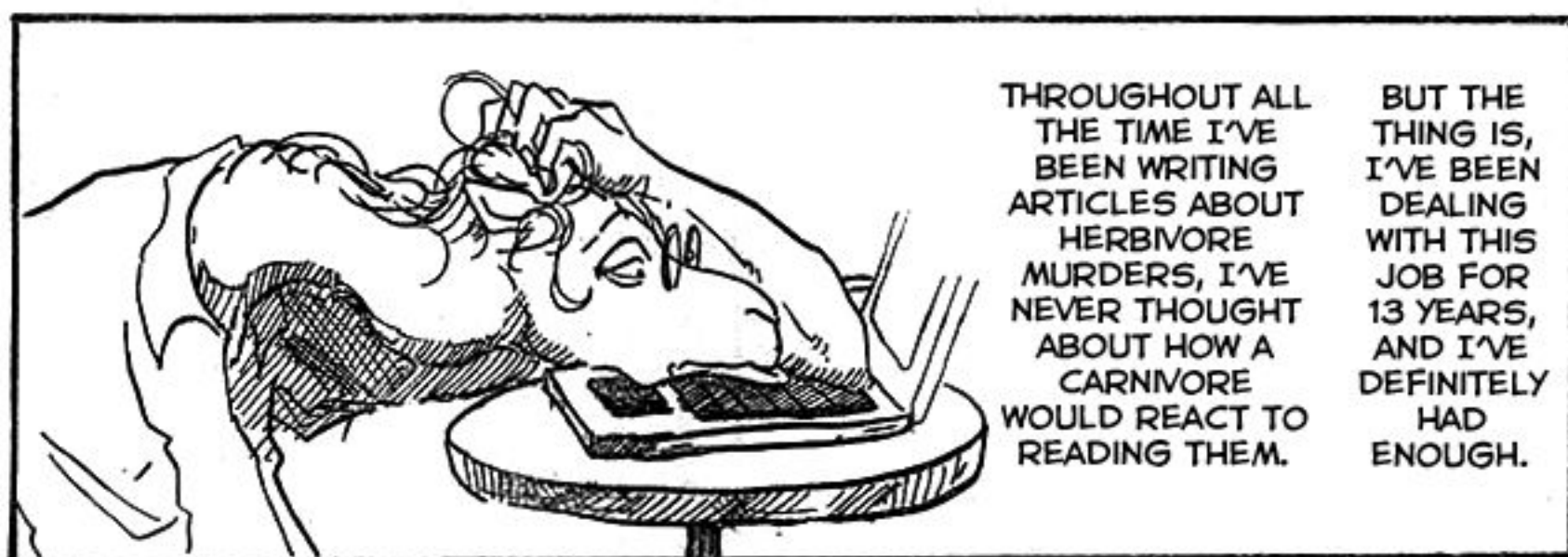
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AA
AA
AH
!!!

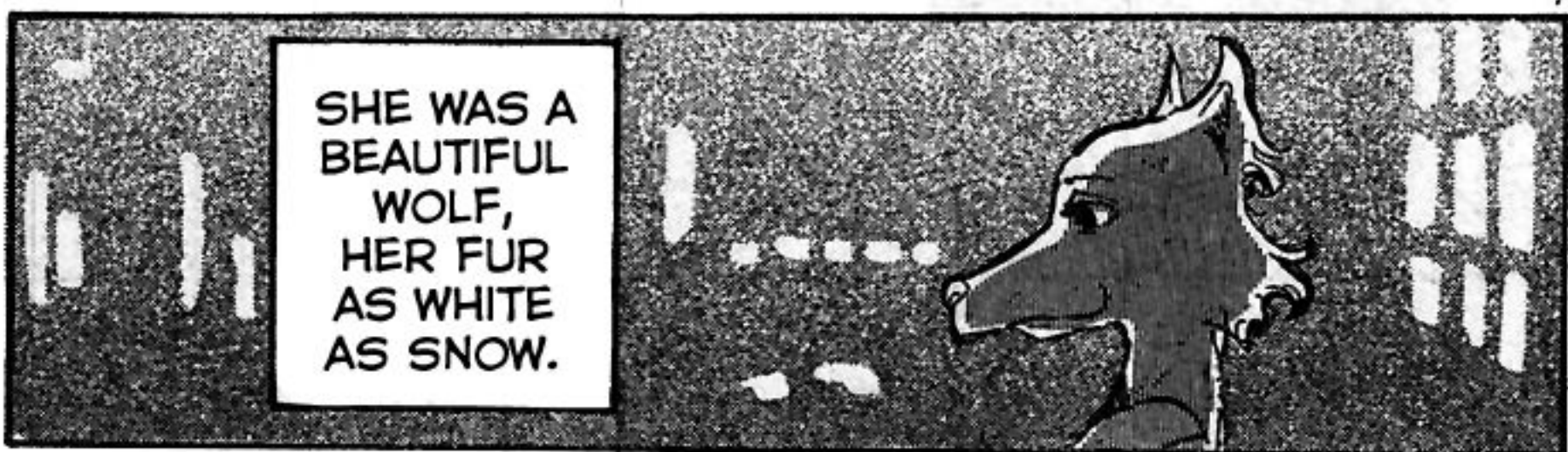
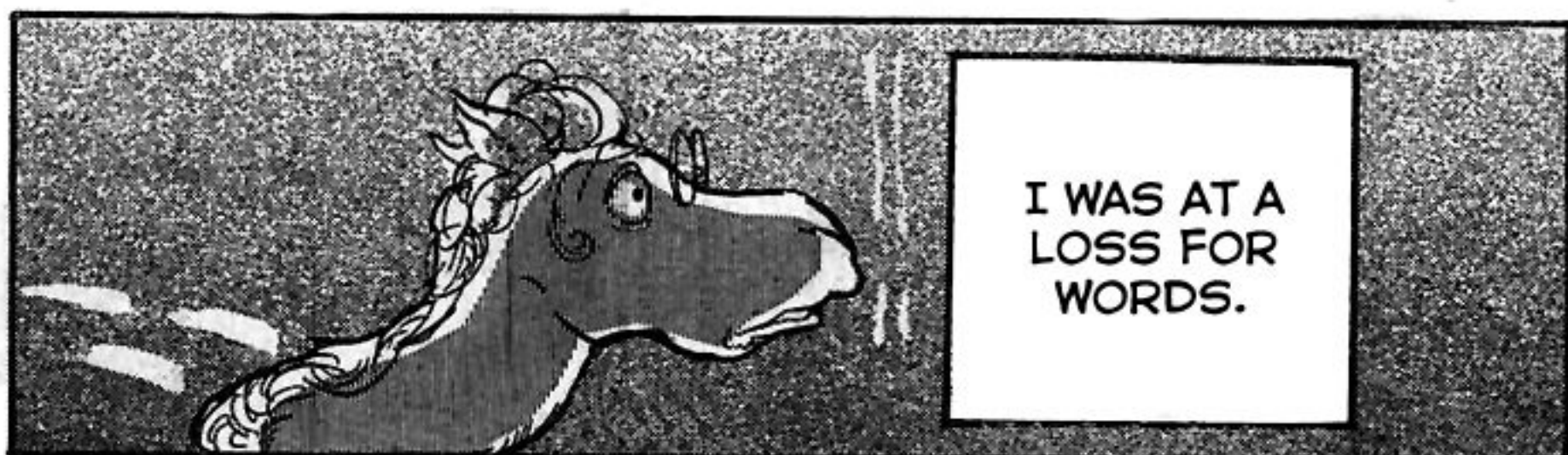


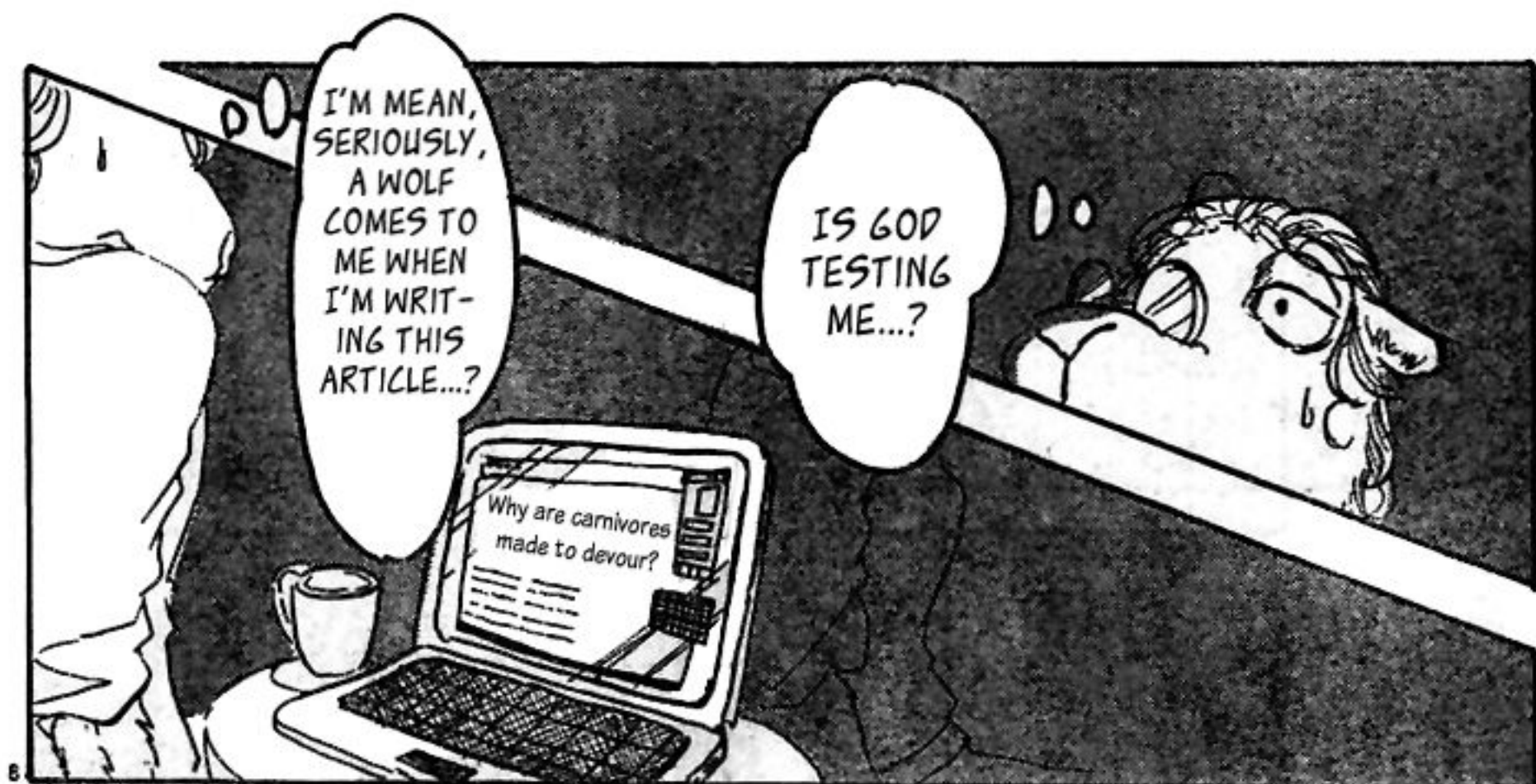
AND THIS
IS THE
THIRD
ONE THIS
WEEK.

MURDERS
OF CARNI-
VOROUS
NATURE
ARE
REFERRED
TO AS
"DEVOURING
INCIDENTS".

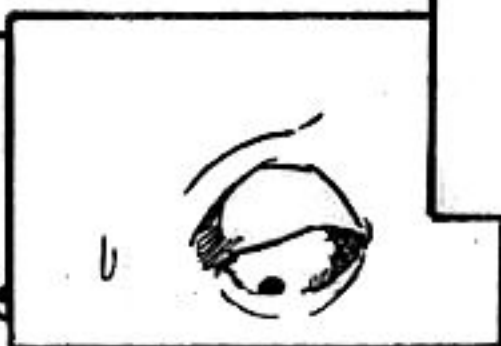




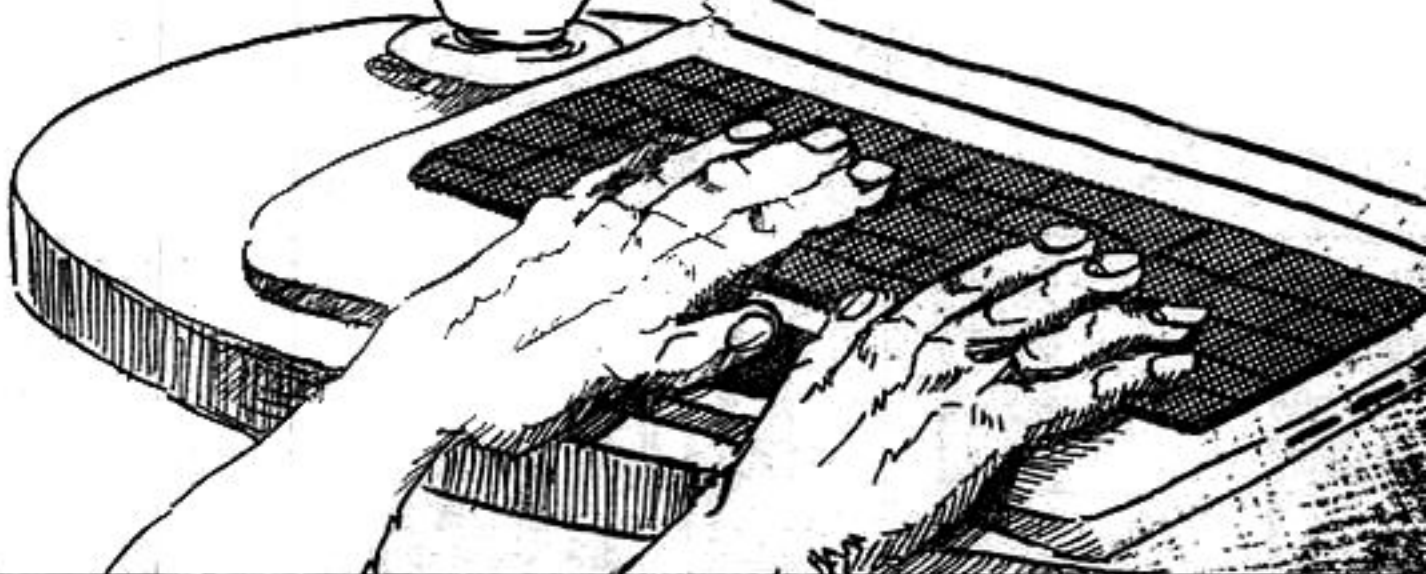




Why are carnivores
made to eat meat?



THIS IS
MY LAST
ARTICLE...



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UM...
I'M
SUPPOSED
TO
COLLECT
DATA
FOR MY
ARTICLE...



I DON'T
THINK
I'LL
EVER
GET
THIS
KIND
OF
CHANCE
AGAIN...

MY
13-YEAR
CAREER
HAS LED
ME TO
THIS
POINT...



CAN I
ASK YOU
A
QUESTION?

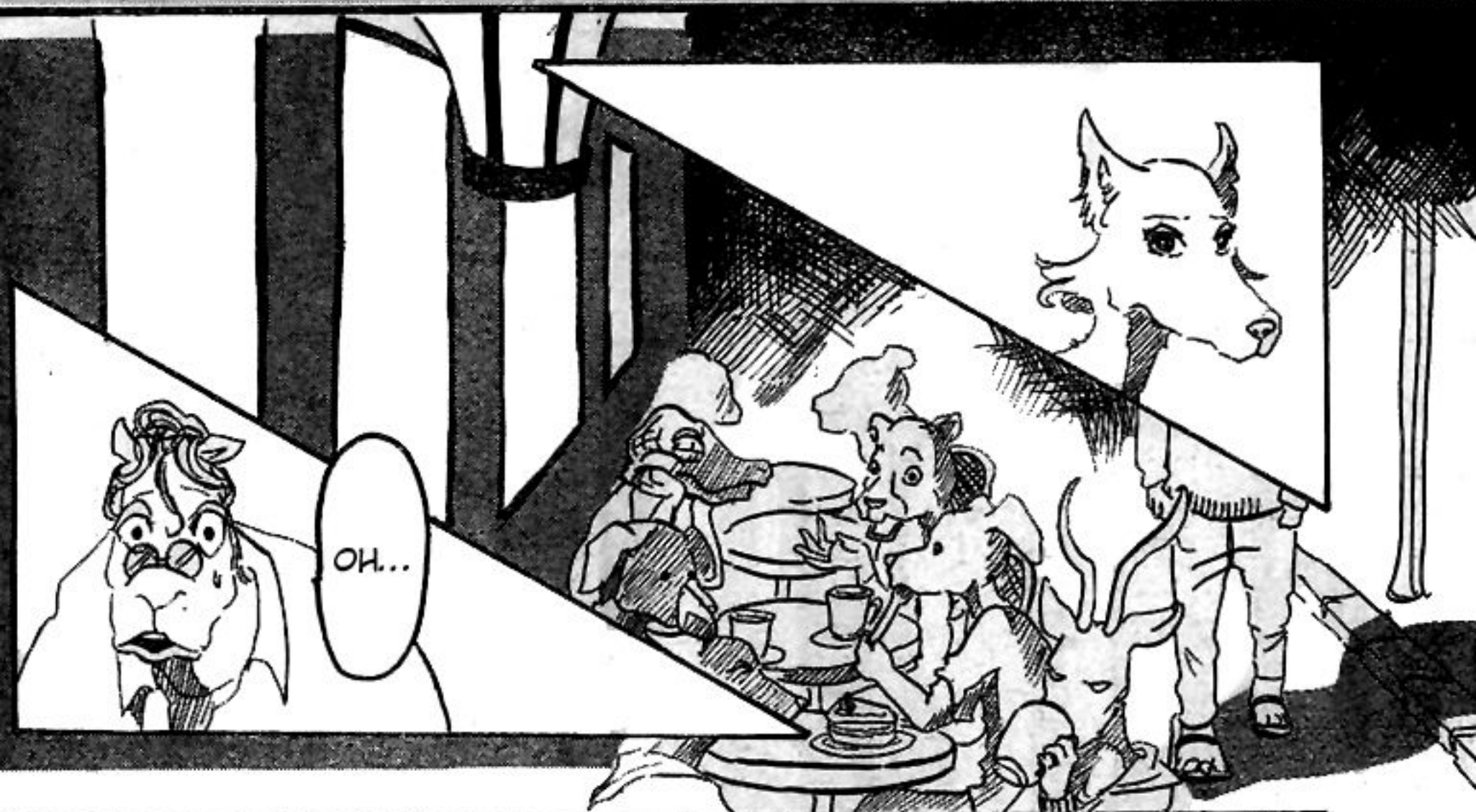
EVER
FELT THE
URGE TO
DEVOUR

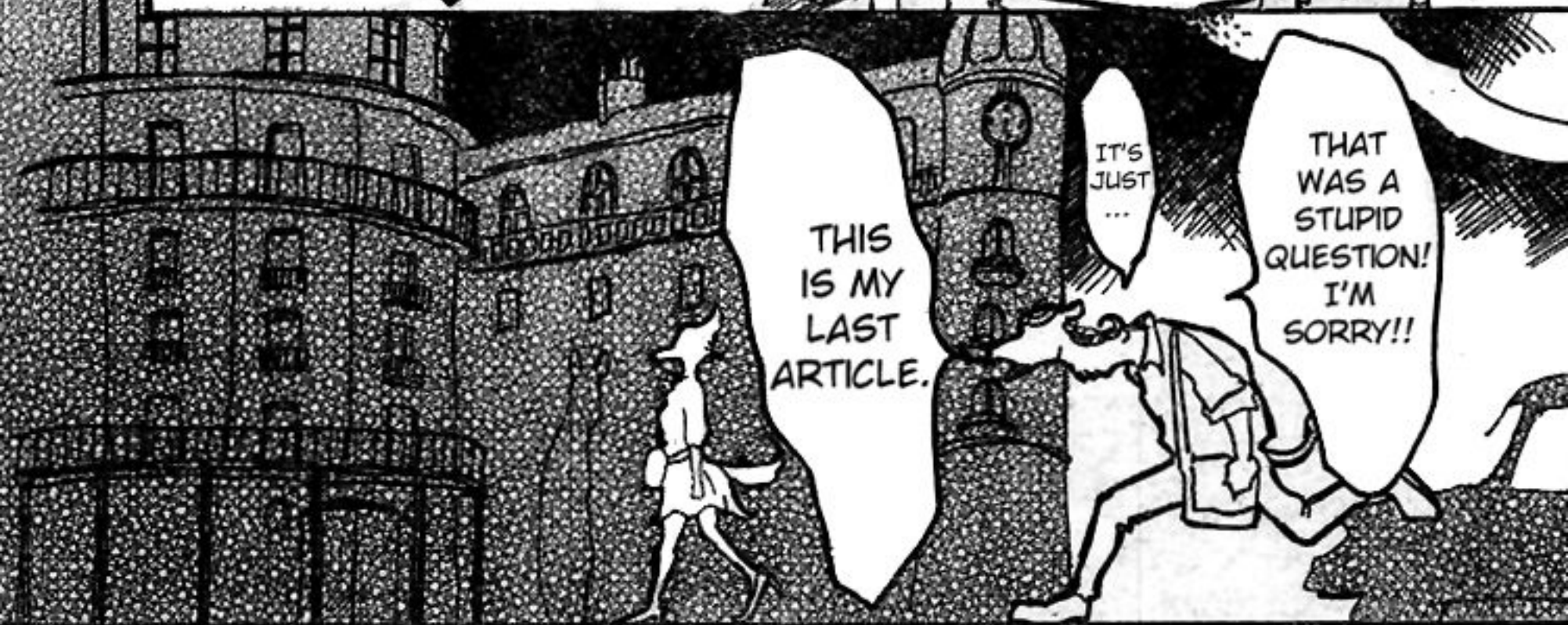
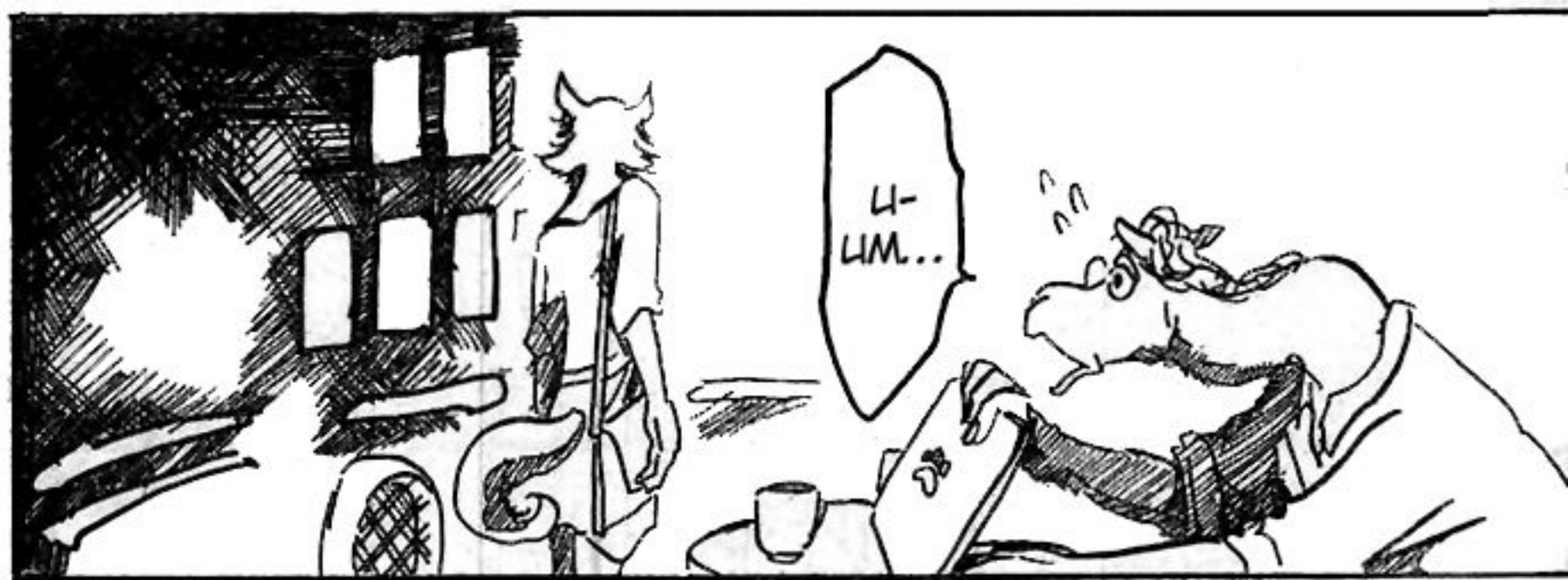
A
HERBIVORE?

HAVE
YOU...



OH...







SORRY
ABOUT
THAT...

THAT'S AN
AWFULLY
CRUDE
TOPIC FOR
YOUR LAST
ARTICLE,
DON'T YOU
THINK?



WHEN
YOU
HURT A
WOMAN,
YOU
NEED TO
ALWAYS
MAKE IT
UP TO
HER.



ARE YOU
FREE
TONIGHT,
MR.
CARELESS
JOURNAL-
IST?



ENDED
UP
DATING
FOR A
NIGHT.

BUT
THIS
IS
HOW A
CAMEL
AND A
WOLF

IT'S
STRA-
NGE,

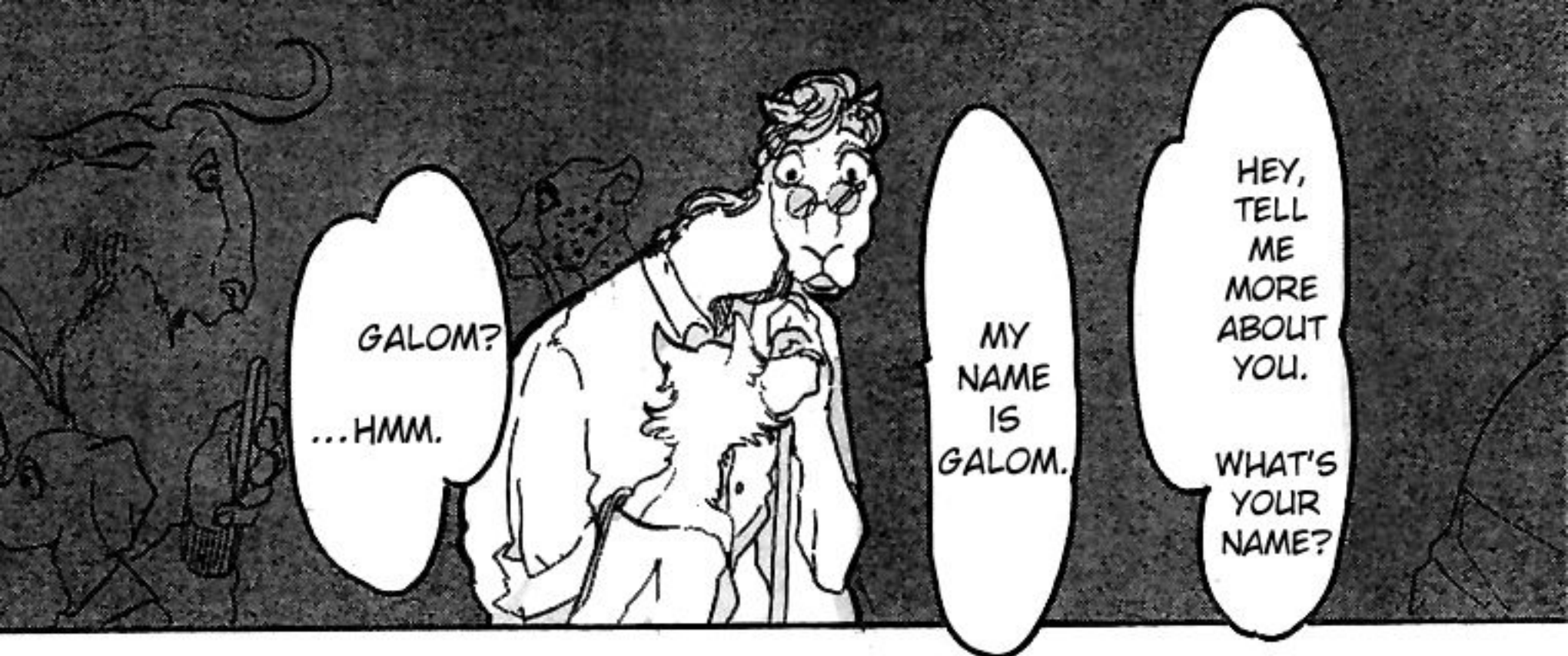
WHAT REALLY
STOOD OUT
TO ME WERE
HER BEAUTIFUL
BLACK EYES,
FOR THEY
CONTRASTED
WITH MY
PERCEPTION OF
CARNIVORES.

HER NAME
IS ABBY, AN
ENCHANTING
FEMALE
WOLF WHO
IS JUST AS
MATURE AS
SHE IS
CHILDISH.

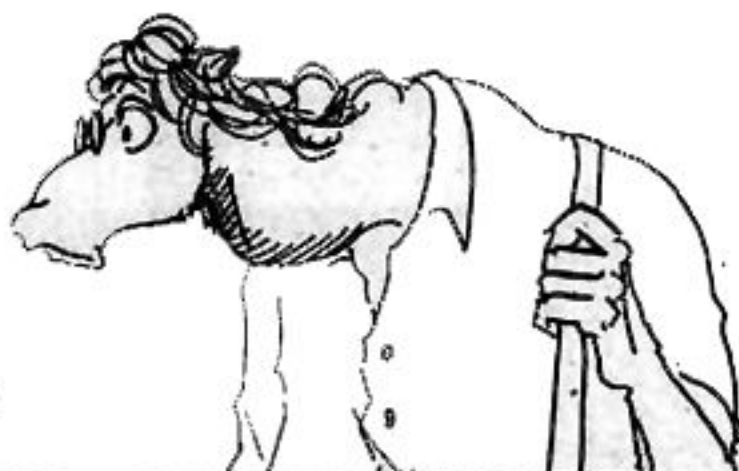
MAYBE THIS
IS HER WAY
OF GIVING ME
DATA FOR MY
ARTICLE....?

Oo





THAT
NAME
SOUNDS
DELICIOUS.



YES.

IT
SOUNDS
VERY
SWEET.



R-
REALLY?



WHEN I
DIDN'T TRY
TO ASSUME
ANY HIDDEN
MEANINGS
BEHIND HER
COMMENTS.

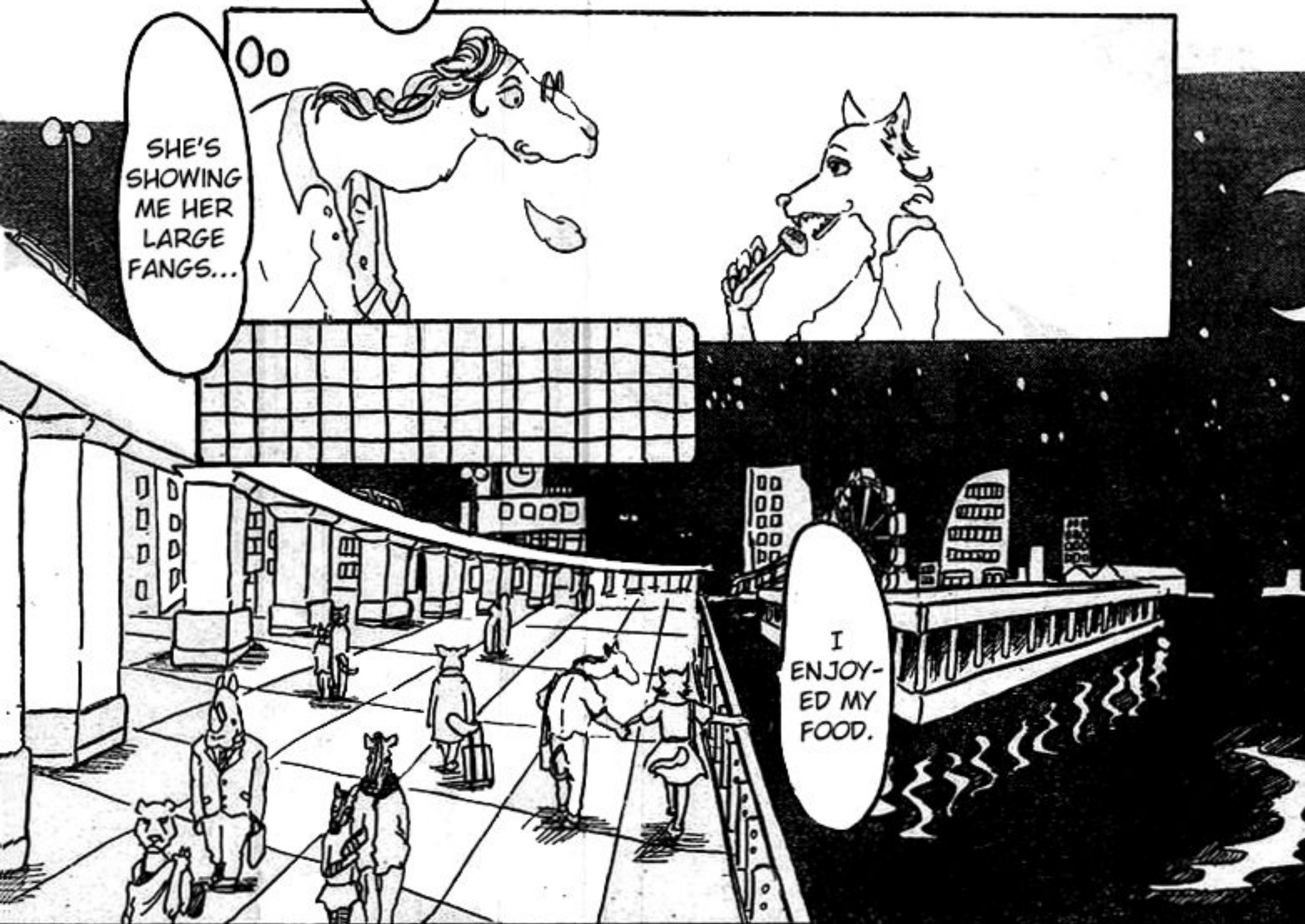
I FOUND
THAT I
ENJOYED
MYSELF
A LOT
MORE

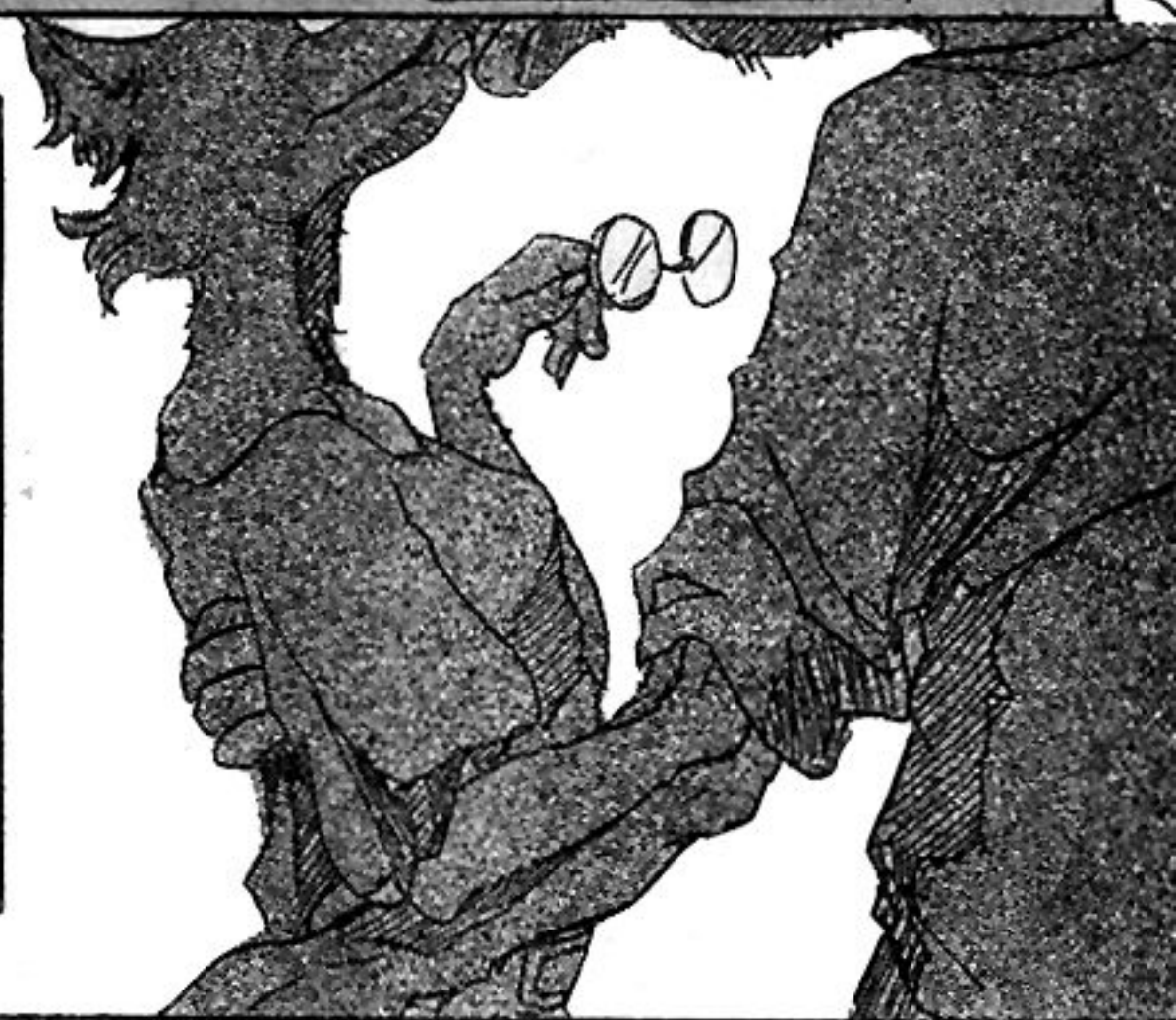
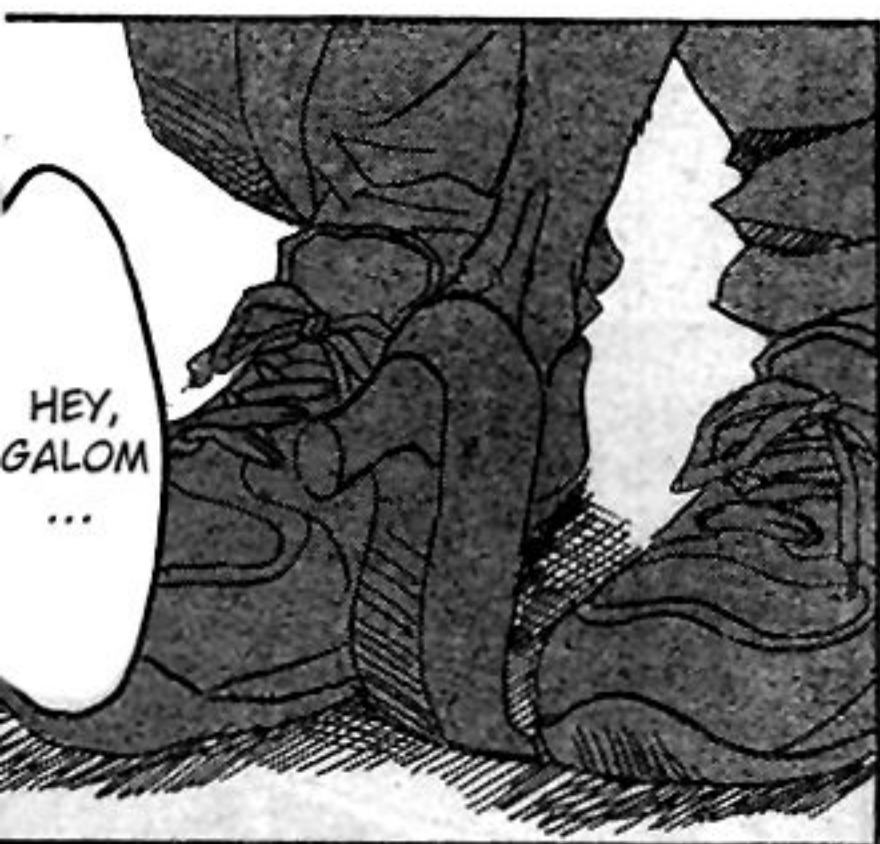


WAIT
A
SECOND
...









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YEAH,
BUT I
WOULD
NEVER
KILL
YOU...

Y-YOU
WANT
TO
EAT
ME...?

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THIS
ISN'T A
DESIRE
FOR
MEAT...
BELIEVE
ME...
WE
CARNI-
VORES
AREN'T
LIKE
THAT...

I'VE NEVER
THOUGHT
ABOUT EATING
A HERBIVORE
BEFORE...
THIS IS THE
FIRST I'VE
EVER FELT
THIS WAY...



I'M
AN UN-
INTER-
ESTING
DROME-
DARY.

YOU
CAN
HAVE
ME...

.....

I
WANT
YOU...





THEN
I'LL
TAKE
YOUR
LEFT...

MY
RIGHT
HAND.

ALL RIGHT.
WHICH
HAND
DO YOU
NORMALLY
USE?

I WANT
YOU TO
DO IT TO A
PART OF
MY BODY
THAT I
RARELY
USE.

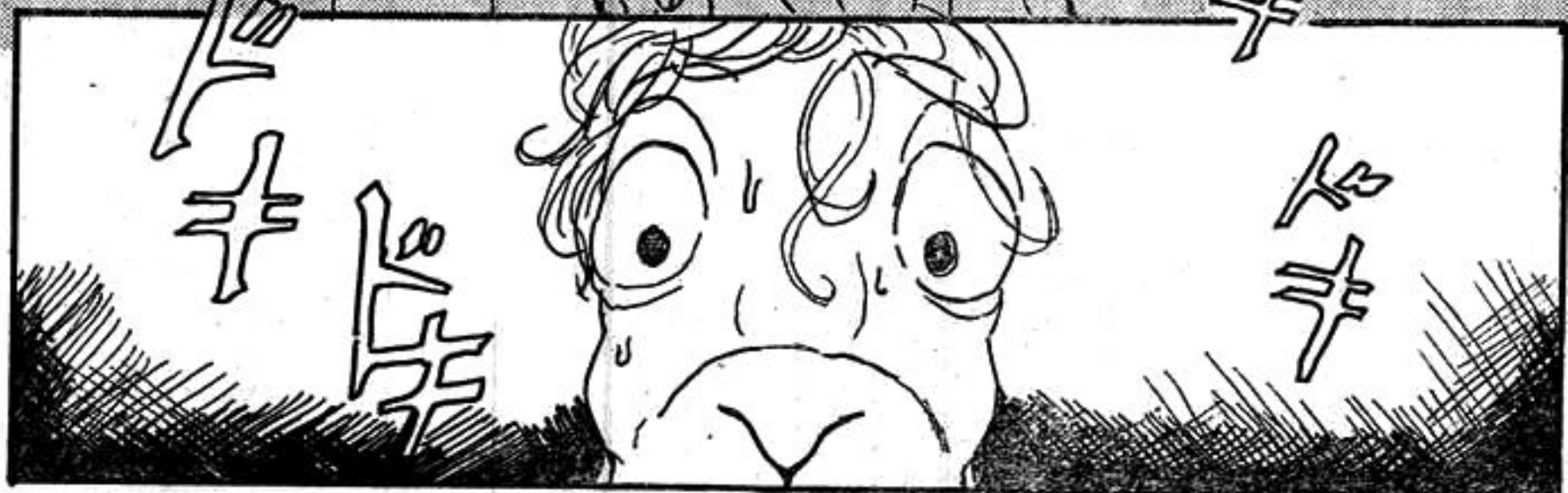
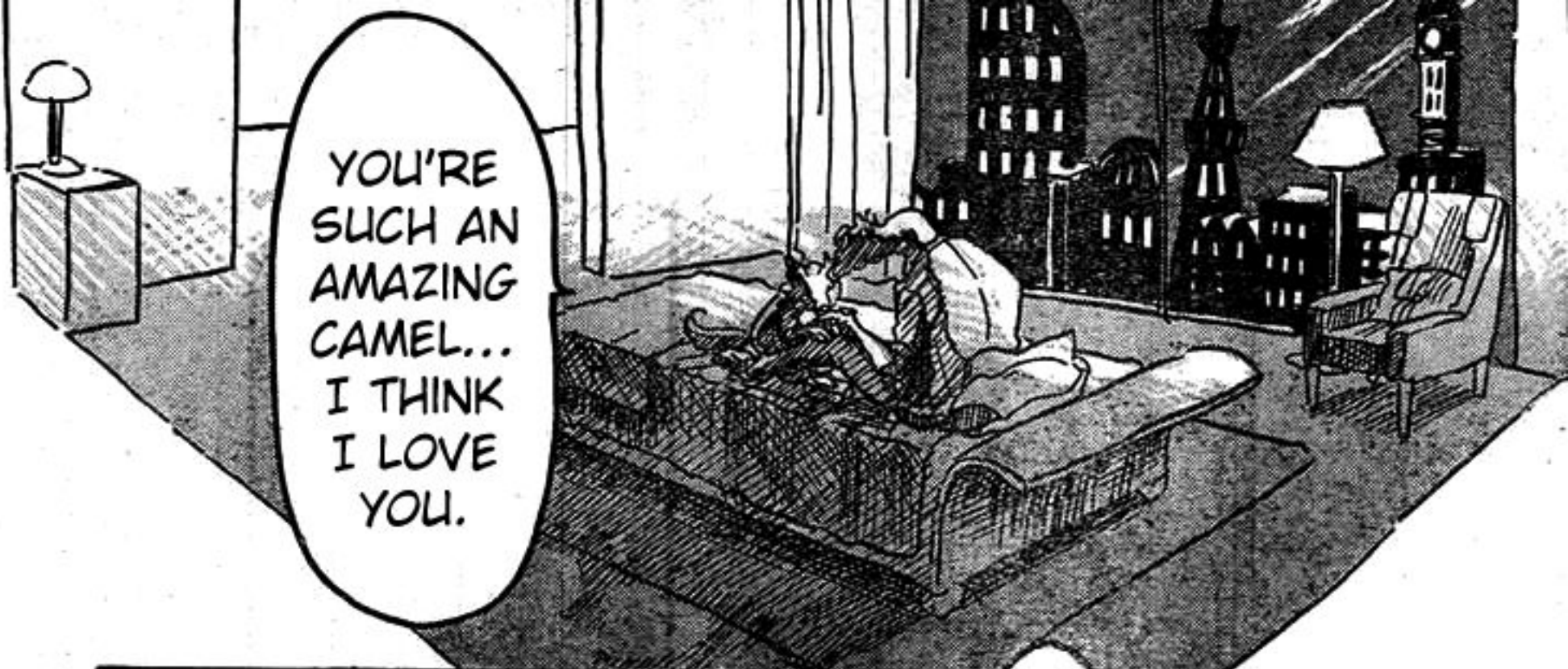
IN A
SENSE,
IT WAS
THE MOST
DRAMATIC
AND
RADIANT
NIGHT I
HAD EVER
EXPERI-
ENCED.

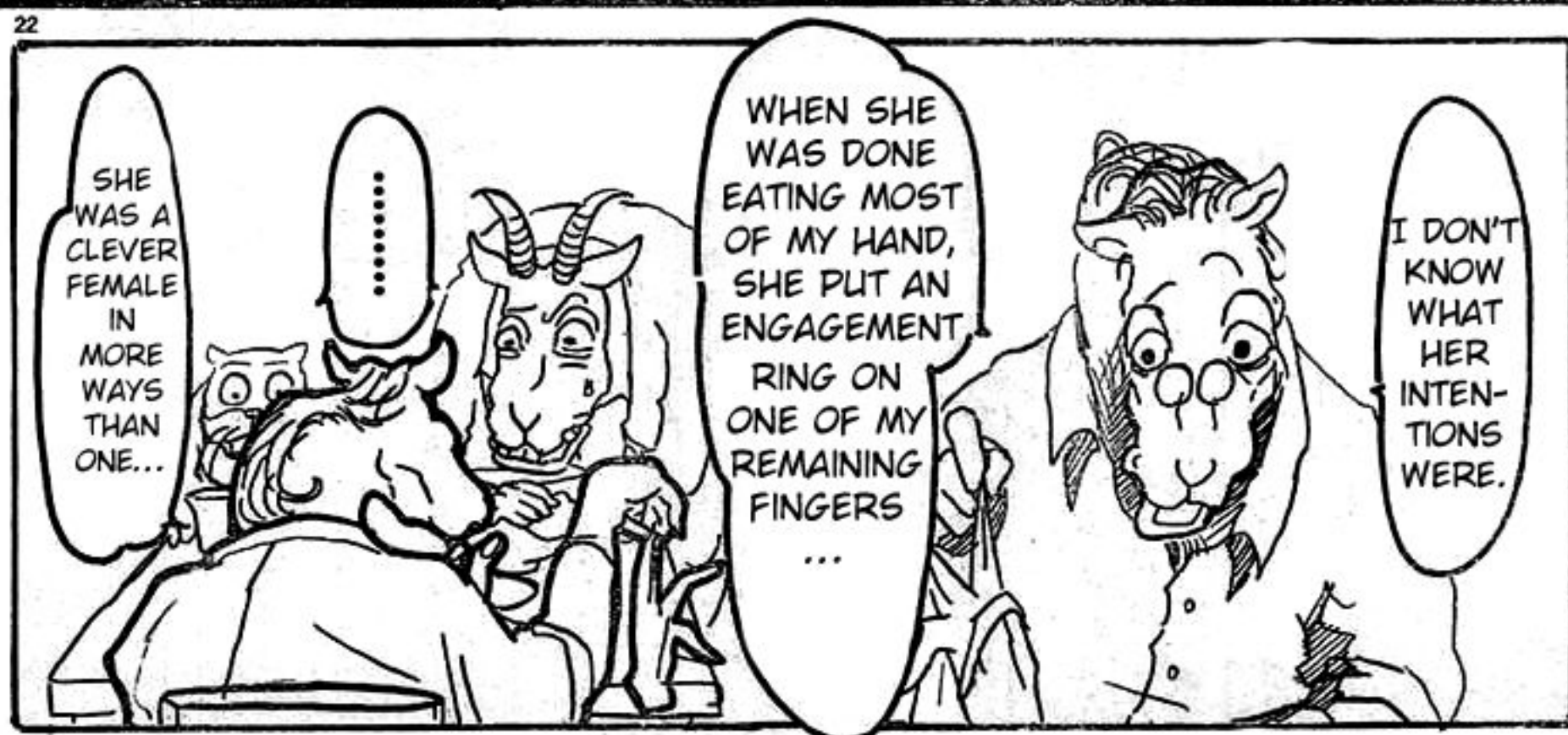


WOW...



I CAN
FEEL
YOUR
HEART-
BEAT...





WHY
DID YOU
ACCEPT
HER
WITHOUT
ANY
HESITA-
TION?



BUT,
SENPAI.
YOU DIDN'T
REJECT
HER
ADVANCES,
RIGHT?



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HMM
...

WELL...



BUT AT
THAT POINT
I WAS
ALREADY
BEWITCHED
BY HER.



I COULD'VE
ADHERED
TO MY
PRIMITIVE
INSTINCTS
AND
REJECTED
HER,

OH,
WELL
LOOK
AT THE
TIME.

YOU KNOW,
IF IT WASN'T
FOR THAT
NIGHT I
PROBABLY
WOULDN'T
HAVE
CONTINUED
BEING A
JOURNAL-
IST...

SEE
YOU
LATER
!!

AH,
YEAH!
THANKS
FOR
TAK-
ING US
HERE!!

I
won't
eat
it!!

Don't
eat it,
now.

I'M
HEADING
BACK
TO THE
COMPANY.
GOOD WORK
TODAY.
HERE'S THE
MONEY FOR
MY FOOD.

THAT'S
RIGHT.
I'M SURE
I WOULDN'T
HAVE
CONTINUED
THIS JOB.

YOU
LEFT
ME A
MIS-
SION
THAT
I'VE
YET TO
FUL-
FILL.



WITH YOUR
INSTINCTS
FILLED
WITH LOVE
AND
SADNESS.



YOU
FACED
ME

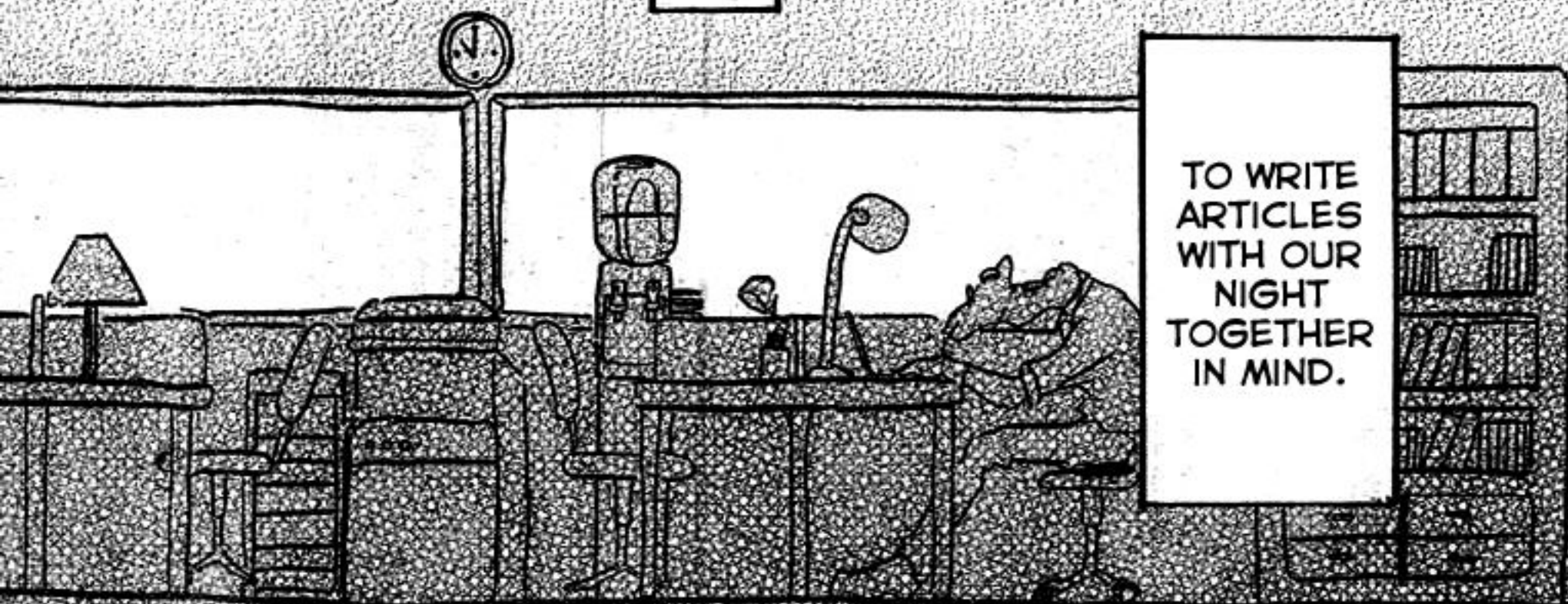


I WILL
CON-
TINUE



IT'S
OKAY.

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TO WRITE
ARTICLES
WITH OUR
NIGHT
TOGETHER
IN MIND.



◆What
is gained
and lost
fills a
heart
with
tender
life..

HOT CHOCOLATE SCANS

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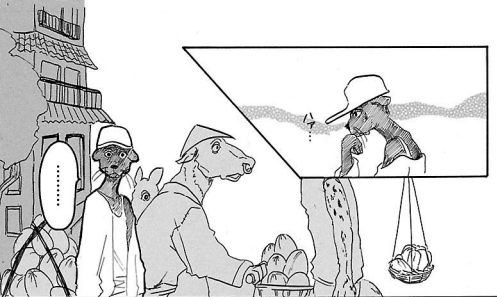
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Chapter 4:
The
Kangaroo
and the
Black
Panther

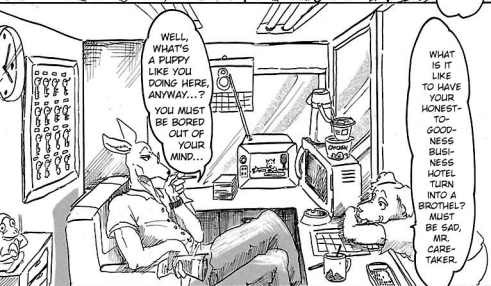


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Complex





YOU
MEAN
ONE
CUS-
TOMER
AND
ONE
PROS-
TITUTE,
RIGHT?



WELL,
WHAT'S
A PUPPY
LIKE YOU
DOING HERE,
ANYWAY...?
YOU MUST
BE BORED
OUT OF
YOUR
MIND...

WHAT
IS IT
LIKE
TO HAVE
YOUR
HONEST-
TO-
GOOD-
NESS
BUSI-
NESS
HOTEL
TURN
INTO A
BROTHEL?
MUST
BE SAD,
MR.
CARE-
TAKER.



I
SEE.
SO
YOU'RE
LOOKING
FOR A
FRIEND.

I AM...
THIS
TOWN'S
CRIME IS
TAKING
AWAY
ALL MY
CUSTOM-
ERS...

HEY,
THERE'LL
BE A
LOT MORE
TOURISTS
IN NEXT
WEEK'S
BIG
FIREWORKS
SHOW!!!
EVERYONE'S
BETTING ON
THAT EVENT.

FIREWORKS
SHOW

FIREWORKS
SHOW

WELL,
I AM
SEEING

A LOT
LESS
TOUR-
ISTS
IN
THIS
TOWN.

WORKS
HOW

WHY
DON'TCHA
COME TO MY
STORE
SOMETIME!!
I'LL GIVE
YOU A
CHOCOLATE
BAR FOR
FREE.

SEE
YA.

WHY,
THAT
MAKES
ME
WANT
TO JUMP
FOR JOY.
SEE
YA.

AND
NOW
FOR
OUR
NEXT
NEWS
REPORT.

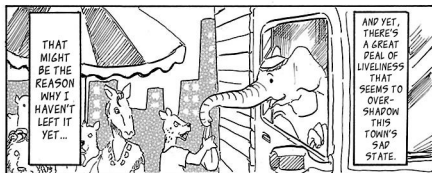
POLKA
LANE...?
THIS
TOWN
AGAIN...?

LAST NIGHT, A
FEMALE GIRAFFE
WAS FOUND DEAD
IN A BACK ALLEY
NEAR POLKA
LANE. HER BODY
HAD TEETH
MARKS FROM A
CARNIVORE...



BUT HERE IN
THE SUBURBS,
IT'S AN AWFUL
MESS.
PREDATION,
PROSTITUTION,
AND
DRUG DEALING
ARE A
NORMAL PART
OF LIFE.

IN THE
WORLD OF
HERBIVORES
AND
CARNIVORES,
THE CITY
LIVES IN
SO-CALLED
PEACE AND
HARMONY...



THAT
MIGHT
BE THE
REASON
WHY I
HAVEN'T
LEFT IT
YET...

AND YET,
THERE'S
A GREAT
DEAL OF
LIVELINESS
THAT
SEEMS TO
OVER-
SHADOW
THIS
TOWN'S
SAD
STATE.



SIR.



WELL,
I'VE
GOTTA
MAKE
SURE I
PROTECT
MYSELF,
SINCE
I AM A
KANGAROO
AND ALL...





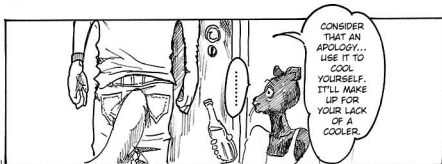


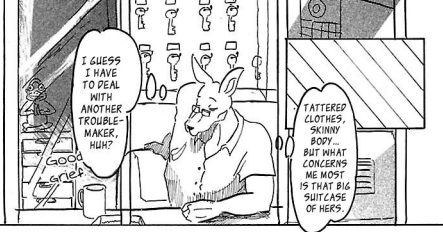
...ARE YOU OKAY WITH IT?



I'M SUPPOSED TO MEET WITH SOMEONE. BUT I'D RATHER SLEEP.







I REALIZED
THAT SHE
COULDN'T
BE OLDER
THAN 15.



WHEN I
HEARD
HER HUM
THE
THEME
SONG
OF A
CERTAIN
POPULAR
MOVIE,

WELL,
SHE
DOESN'T
SOUND
LIKE A
PROSTI-
TUTE
TO ME.



HUH.

GEE,
THANKS
...

I THINK WE
CAN SAY FOR
SURE THAT
SHE ISN'T THE
AVERAGE
TOURIST. I
MEAN, WHY
WOULD SHE
GO TO YOUR
CRUMMY
HOTEL IN THE
FIRST PLACE?

SHE'S
NOT BAD,
BUT I
GET THE
FEELING
THAT
SHE'S
INVOLVED
IN SOME
SERIOUS
SHIT...



HUH?
I DIDN'T
KNOW
WE HAD
ONE.

WE'RE
GETTING
CLOSE
TO THE
BACK-
ALLEY
MARKET.

IT'S
SPR-
EAD-
ING...

I
THINK
I
SHOULD
GET
OUT OF
THIS
TOWN
AFTER
ALL...

RE-
AL-
LY?



OH,
SHIT.
WAIT.

?

THEY HAVE
TO DO IT
IN SECRET,
SINCE IT'S
DETREMENTAL
TO SOCIETY
FOR
CARNIVORES
TO EAT
HERBIVORES.



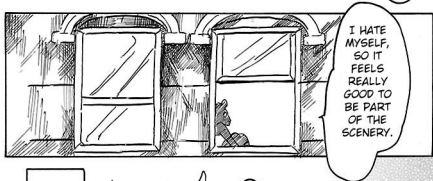
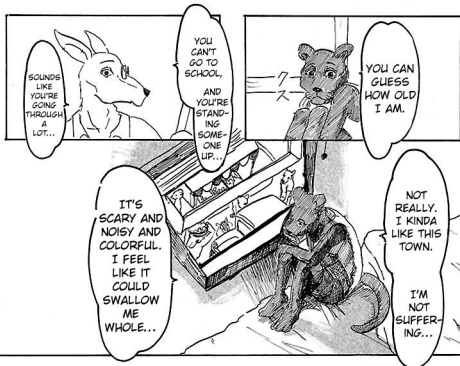
THE BACK-
ALLEY
MARKET
IS A
MARKET
WHERE
CARNIVORES
BUY
HERBIVORE
MEAT IN
SECRET.

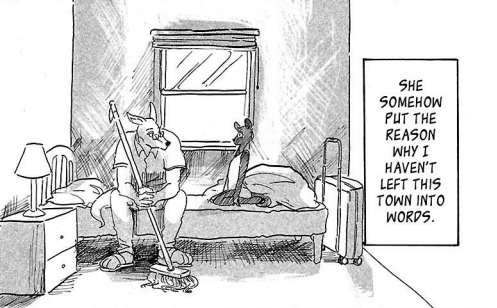
SURE!!
BUT
KANGAROO
MEAT'S
EXPENSIVE.
I'D LIKE
YOU TO
GIVE ME
THE MONEY
NOW IF
YOU CAN.

You're
the only
friend
I have
in this
town.

IF ONE
DAY YOU
FIND ME
ROASTED
WHOLE
IN THAT
MARKET,
COULD
YOU
BUY
ME?









UH, NO,
YOU
DON'T
HAVE
TO.



ALL
RIGHT,
BACK TO
CLEANING.
I'M GOING
TO MOVE
THAT
HUGE
SUITCASE,
OKAY?

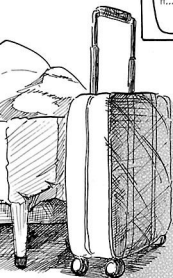


WAIT,
PLEASE!



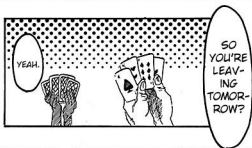
PLEASE
DON'T
TOUCH
IT...

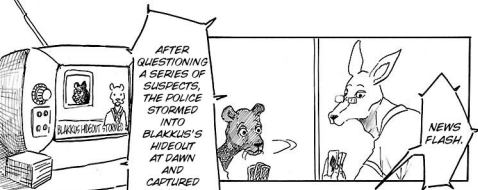
IT'S
VERY
IMPOR-
TANT
TO
ME.



...ALL
RIGHT.







AFTER
QUESTIONING
A SERIES OF
SUSPECTS,
THE POLICE
STORMED
INTO
BLAKKUS'S
HIDEOUT
AT DAWN
AND
CAPTURED
THE
WHOLE
GROUP.

NEWS
FLASH.

A MEMBER
OF THE
GROUP
TESTIFIED
THAT THEY
"GAVE THE
MEAT TO A
CARNIVORE."

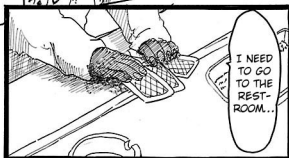
BUT THEY
DID NOT
FIND THE
VICTIM'S
CORPSE.



SORRY
...

S-
SIR.

.....



I NEED
TO GO
TO THE
REST-
ROOM...

WHAT'S
YOUR
RELATION-
SHIP WITH
BLAKKUS?



WHAT'S
INSIDE
THAT
SUIT-
CASE?



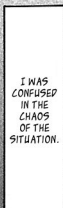
MEG?

ARE
YOU...

THEIR
MULE?

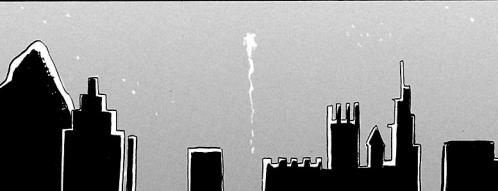


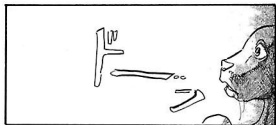
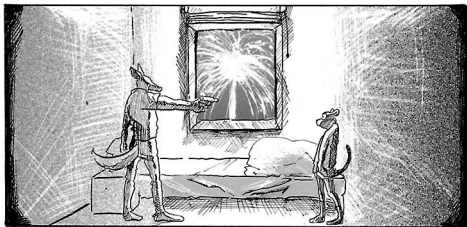






THAT'S
THE
LAW
OF
THIS
TOWN.

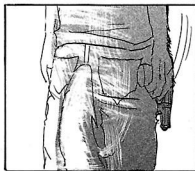




AND YET,
SHE THINKS
SHE HAS
TIME
TO LOOK
AT THE
FIREWORKS.



I'M
ABOUT
READY
TO
SHOOT
HER.



SO
FOOL-
ISH,
SO
INNO-
CENT.



SO
CHILD-
ISH.



I
CAN'T
SHOOT
HER.

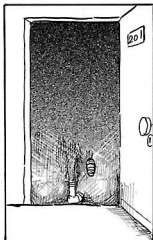
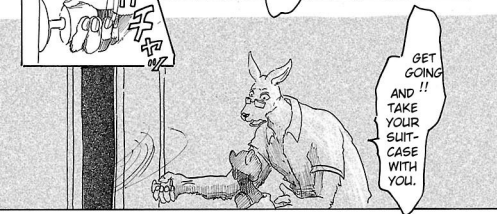


I'M GONNA
LET YOU GO,
BUT IF I
SEE YOU
AGAIN
CARRYING
BODIES
AROUND,
I WILL
KILL YOU.



LISTEN
TO ME.

DON'T UNDER-
ESTI-
MATE
HERBI-
VORES
...



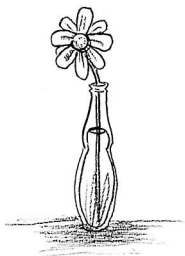


PLEASE
LET
HER BE
HAPPY
NEXT
YEAR
AND THE
YEAR
AFTER
THAT.

AFTER
SHE
DISAP-
PEARED
INTO THE
DARK-
NESS,
I MADE
A
PRAYER.



PLEASE
LET HER
KEEP
ADMIRING
THE
BEAUTY
OF FIRE-
WORKS.



HOT CHOCOLATE SCANS

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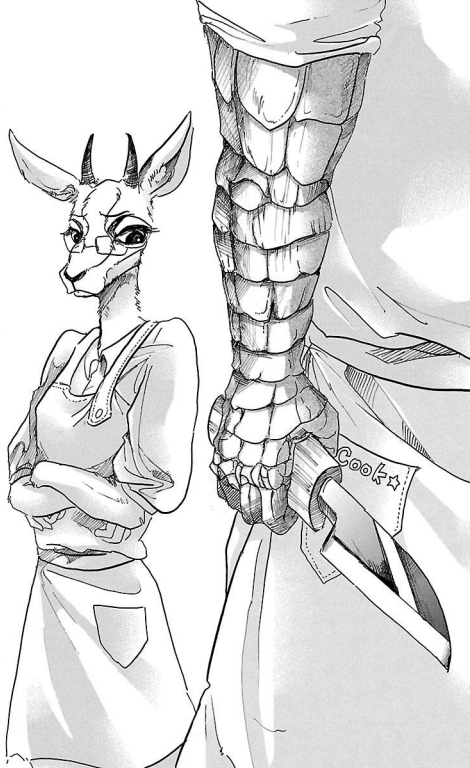
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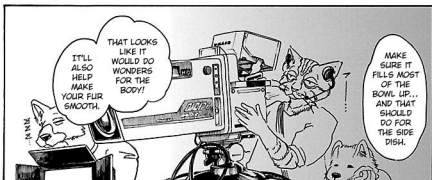
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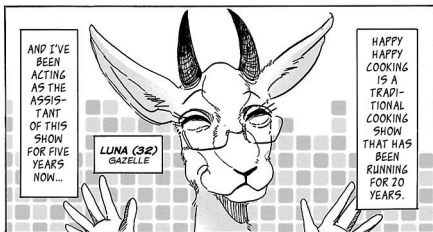
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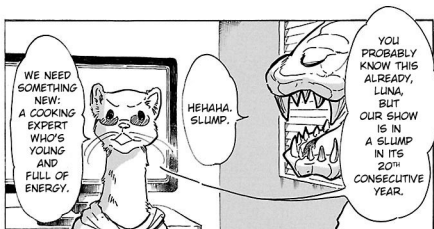
HAPPY HAPPY COOKING











WE NEED
SOMETHING
NEW:
A COOKING
EXPERT
WHO'S
YOUNG
AND
FULL OF
ENERGY.

HEHAHA.
SLUMP.

YOU
PROBABLY
KNOW THIS
ALREADY,
LUNA,
BUT
OUR SHOW
IS IN
A SLUMP
IN ITS
20TH
CONSECUTIVE
YEAR.



THERE'S
SOMETHING
ELSE...

THAT
SOUNDS
GOOD...

HEY,
THIS ISN'T
A PROBLEM
ABOUT BEING
YOUNG AND
HAVING
ENERGY.



NO,
NO,
NO.

COME
ON
...!!

OF
COURSE.
WHAT'S
AN UNCALLED-
FOR STATE-
MENT?

DON'T
MAKE ANY
UNCALLED-
FOR
STATEMENTS,
BENNY-SAN.

HOWEVER,
HAPPY
HAPPY
COOKING
IS A
TRADITIONAL
SHOW
WHOSE
SELLING
POINT IS
THAT IT'S
LIVE
ON TV!!





I
SPECIALIZE
IN THE
MAKING
OF
SCRUMP-
TIOUS
FOOD
THAT
ONLY
CARNI-
VORES
CAN
MAKE.

WELL,
IF YOU'LL
ALLOW
ME
TO BE
FRANK,



SO I WANT
TO MAKE
FOOD THAT'D
GIVE
CARNIVORES
THE
SATISFACTION
THEY
DESIRE...

I MEAN,
LOOK,
IT'S
ILLEGAL
TO EAT
MEAT,
RIGHT?

WHAT'S
WRONG
?!



THAT'S
WHAT I
RESEAR--
HEY,
WAIT!



WHAT
DID I
DO TO
UPSET
YOU...?

HEY!
HEY!



IN THE
END,
WHAT YOU
CARNIVORES
WANT TO
EAT IS US.

I KNEW
THIS
WAS
NEVER
GOING
TO
WORK!!

I
KNEW
IT!



I'VE ONLY
BEEN THE
ASSISTANT
HERE FOR
FIVE YEARS,

THAT IS
WHY I
DON'T
BELIEVE IN
CARNIVORE
COOKS!

BUT I
WON'T LET
YOUR SAVAGE
DESIRE RUIN
HAPPY HAPPY
COOKING!!



NOW
IF
YOU'LL
EXCUSE
ME.



I APOLOGIZE
FOR MY
TEMPER
TANTRUM,
BUT I'M
PROUD OF
MY JOB
HERE!!



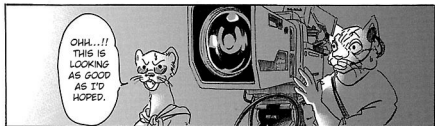
Who're
you
those
two?
The
cooks
for
Happy
Happy
Cooking



WE'RE
GONNA
BE LIVE
TOGETHER
IN TWO
DAYS.
LET'S GET
ALONG.



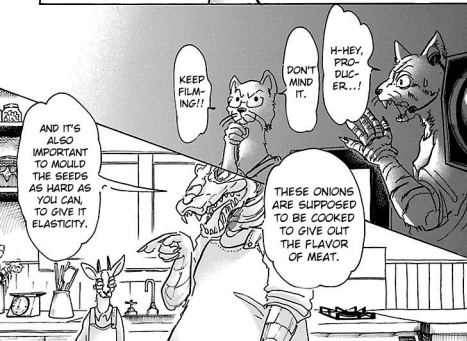
HEY!!



HAPPY HAPPY
COOKING'S
RATINGS ONLY
INCREASED BY
A LITTLE.

AT
FIRST,



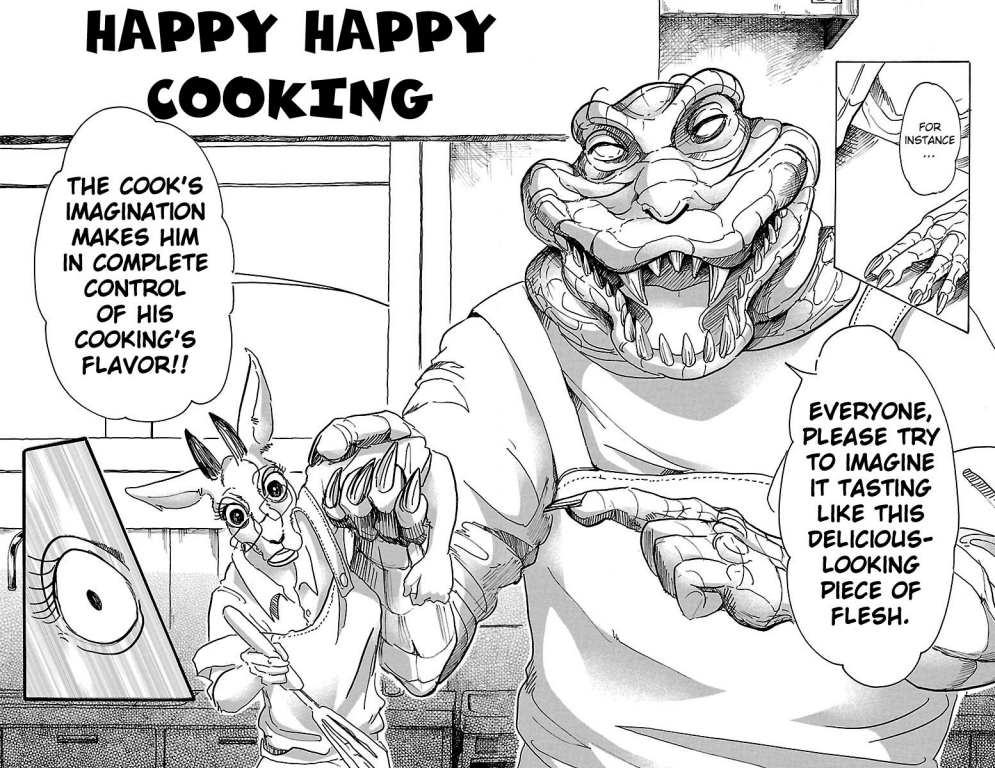


HAPPY HAPPY COOKING

THE COOK'S
IMAGINATION
MAKES HIM
IN COMPLETE
CONTROL
OF HIS
COOKING'S
FLAVOR!!

FOR
INSTANCE
...

EVERYONE,
PLEASE TRY
TO IMAGINE
IT TASTING
LIKE THIS
DELICIOUS-
LOOKING
PIECE OF
FLESH.



HAPPY HAPPY COOKING

BE-
CAME
FILLED
WITH
WINC-
ING
TEN-
SION...

THE
ATMOS-
PHERE
OF
HAPPY
HAPPY
COOK-
ING...



WE'RE
STILL
IN THIS,
ALTHOUGH
BARELY...

...
WAIT...

P-
PRODUCER,
I THINK
WE'VE
VIOLATED
THE
BROAD-
CASTING
CODE!!
WE SHOULD
PUT IN A
COMMERCIAL!

HAPPY
HAPPY
COOKING'S
RATINGS
SKYROCKETED
TO AN
UNPRECEDENTED
HIGH...!!



LIKE
I SAID
THE
OTHER
DAY,

...THAT'S
NOTHING
TO
SMILE
ABOUT.




HUH,
BENNY-
SAN.

IT DIDN'T
TAKE YOU
LONG AT
ALL FOR
YOU TO
UNMASK
YOURSELF,



YOU ARE
PROVING
THAT
CARNIVORES'
COOKING
IS VULGAR
TO THE
EXTREME!!

HAPPY
COOKING



HERBIVORE
VIEWERS,
THIS IS THE
TRUTH OF
CARNIVORE
COOKS!!
DO TAKE
A GOOD
LOOK!!

THE
CROCODILE
NEXT TO ME
IS IMAGINING
HOW GOOD
I WOULD
TASTE
WHILE HE'S
MOULDING
HIS
BURGER
STEAK.



WELL THAT SUITS ME JUST FINE, BECAUSE YOUR REMARKS ARE INEXCUSABLE AND DEPRESSING.

NOW YOU LISTEN TO ME!!

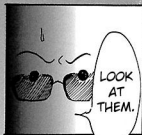
OH!! SO YOU'RE GONNA BRING THAT UP AGAIN, HUH!!

BUT YOU HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO RIGHT TO REJECT MY COOKING!!



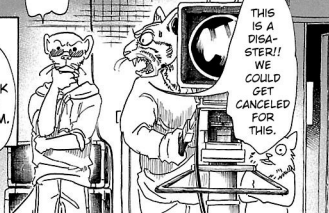
I DON'T BLAME YOU FOR BEING PREJUDICED AGAINST CARNIVORES,

NO, WAIT!!



LOOK AT THEM.

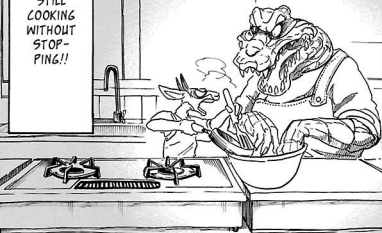
THIS IS A DISASTER!! WE COULD GET CANCELED FOR THIS.



HAPPY HAPPY COOKING

THEY'RE
STILL
COOKING
WITHOUT
STOP-
PING!!

EVEN
IN THE
MIDST
OF
THEIR
HEATED
ARGU-
MENT...



WE'RE
ESTAB-
LISHING
OURSELVES
AS A
COOKING
PROGRAM.

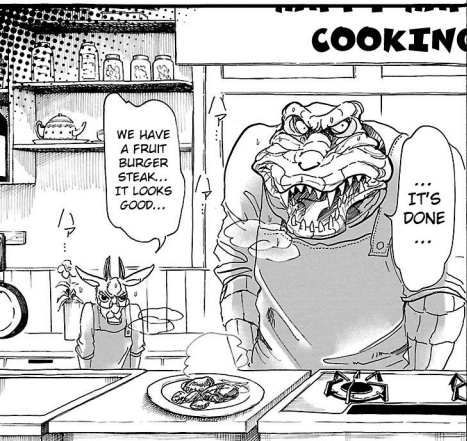
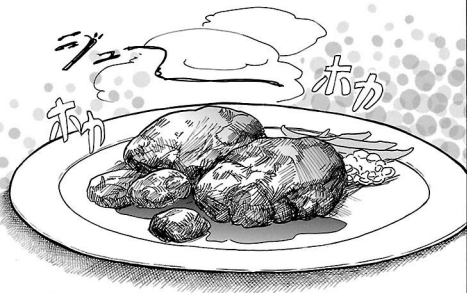


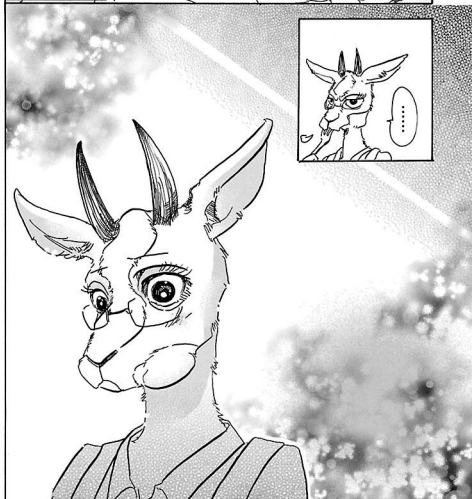
IN AN
ENTIRELY
NEW
FORM!!



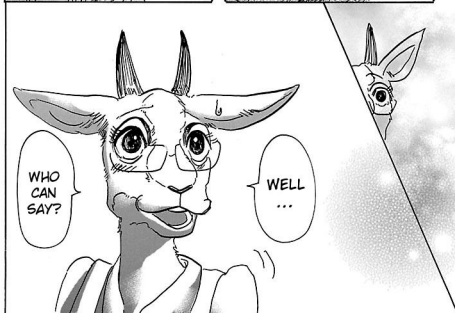
THEY WERE MAKING THEIR FRUIT BURGER STEAK,
AND THEIR ARGUING DID NOT CEASE...















NEW

HAPPY HAPPY COOKING

SAFARI TV

**Broadcasting
with high
ratings!**

*Watched by an
astonishing 25%
of the population*

Gazelle
Luna



Saltwater
Crocodile
Benny

BUT THE
CROCODILE
AND THE
GAZELLE
WOULD
CONTINUE
TO RUN
HAPPY
HAPPY
COOKING...

AS AN
ENTIRELY
NEW
COOKING
SHOW
THAT
WOULD BE
BROAD-
CASTED
WORLD-
WIDE.

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Chapter 6: The Fox and the Chameleon





THIS IS A WORLD
WHERE CARNIVORES
AND HERBIVORES
COEXIST WITH
EACH OTHER.

HERBIVORE
PREDATION
IS A
CRIMINAL
OFFENSE.

A PUMA
GOVERN-
MENT
WORKER
ATE AN
EWE
ALIVE...

YEAH,
I SAW IT!
IT'S THE
FIFTH
THIS
YEAR.

DID YOU
SEE THE
NEWS?!
THERE
WAS
ANOTHER
PREDATION
INCIDENT.

BEANS
HAVE GOT
TO BE THE
WORST
SOURCE OF
PROTEIN.

AAH,
BEAN
OME-
LETTES
AGAIN...

THE
PRESSURE
OF THIS
KNOW-
LEDGE

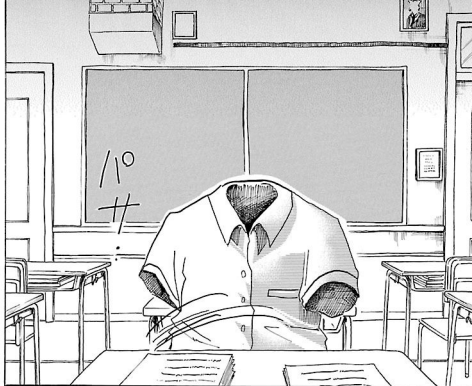
HAS
STABILIZED
THE
RELATION-
SHIP
BETWEEN
HERBIVORE
AND
CARNIVORE.

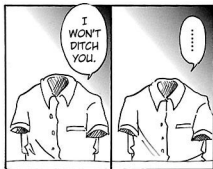
HEY,
WHAT DOES
TOMORROW'S
TEST GO
OVER?

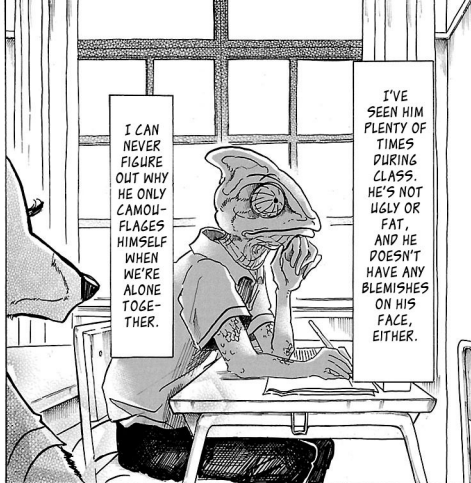
UP TO
PAGE 20.
ALSO, WHEN
ARE YOU
GOING TO
GIVE ME
MY GAME?

MILK

SOY







I CAN NEVER FIGURE OUT WHY HE ONLY CAMOUFLAGES HIMSELF WHEN WE'RE ALONE TOGETHER.

I'VE SEEN HIM PLENTY OF TIMES DURING CLASS. HE'S NOT UGLY OR FAT, AND HE DOESN'T HAVE ANY BLEMISHES ON HIS FACE, EITHER.



SO I LIKE TO PRACTICE IT WHEN I'M NOT IN CLASS.

I'M ESTABLISHING MY SELF-CONSCIOUSNESS, SO TO SPEAK... CAMOUFLAGE IS THE ONLY THING SPECIAL ABOUT ME,





I
GUESS
YOU'RE
RIGHT.

THEN
YOU'RE
NOT GONNA
GET
THROUGH
HIGH
SCHOOL,
OR
UNIVERSITY,
OR EVEN
SOCIETY
FOR THAT
MATTER.

YOU'RE
GONNA BE
IN HIGH
SCHOOL
NEXT YEAR,
RIGHT?
IF YOU'RE
THIS SHY IN
YOUR LAST
YEAR OF
MIDDLE
SCHOOL,







WHY I
DON'T
ENJOY
BEING IN
SCHOOL.

BY
THE
FOX
CLIQUE.



I'VE
BEEN
SUBJECT
TO
BULLYING,
GOD
KNOWS
WHEN,







WHY IS SHE SO DES-PAR-ATE?

WHAT'S WRONG WITH HER?

CRAP.

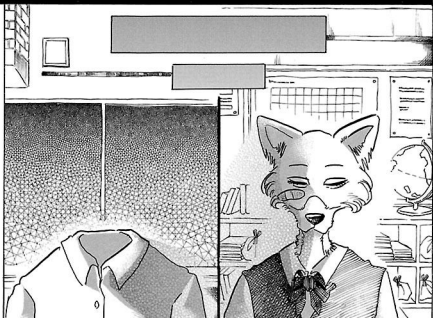
UGH, THIS IS SUCH

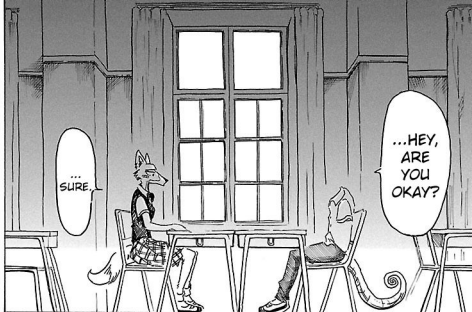
AND I'M
ONLY BEING
BULLIED
BECAUSE
I'M
DIFFERENT...



I HATE THE
VANITY OF
CARNIVORES
...!!
IT'S SO
POINTLESS
AND STUPID.

THIS
WORLD
IS HELL.





... SURE.

...HEY,
ARE
YOU
OKAY?



THOSE
GIRLS
ARE
AWFUL.

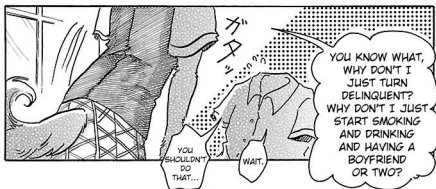
IT
MUST'VE
HURT,
BEING
PUSHED
TO THE
FLOOR...



THEY
LIVE BY
PERPE-
TUATING
THE
STEREO-
TYPE.

WELL,
YOU KNOW
WHAT
THEY SAY...
"ALL FOXES
ARE SHORT-
TEMPERED
NE'ER-DO-
WELLS."









TO ALL HERBIVORE STUDENTS
[Information about the trip]

TO ALL CARNIVORE STUDENTS
[Information about the trip]

TO ALL BIRD STUDENTS
[Information about the trip]

TO ALL HERBIVORE STUDENTS
[Information about the trip]

TO ALL REPTILE STUDENTS
[Information about the trip]

TO ALL CARNIVORE STUDENTS
[Information about the trip]

TO ALL CARNIVORE STUDENTS
[Information about the trip]

HOOO!!
MY DAY
WAS TOTAL
HELL
BUT NOW
I FEEL
GREAT.

YOU'RE
GONNA
GET IN
TROU-
BLE!!

AAAAH!!
THOSE
WERE
EVERY-
ONE'S
PAPERS
....!!



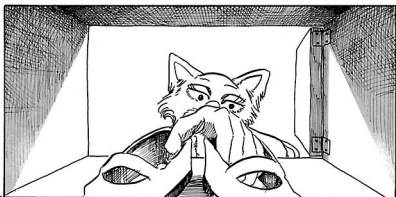
IT'LL BE FINE!!
I'LL TAKE FULL
RESPONSIBILITY AND
LET THE TEACHERS
LECTURE ME. GO DO
YOUR USUAL THING
AND CAMOUFLAGE
YOURSELF.

YOU SEEM
TO ENJOY
THE FACT
THAT YOU
WERE
BORN A
CHAMELEON.

I DON'T
HATE YOU.
IN FACT,
I LIKE
YOU.







WE
NEED
TO
TALK.

HEY,
YOU.











IT
WOULD'VE
BEEN
BETTER
FOR ME
TO BE
VISIBLE,
IF I'M
GOING TO
SAVE THE
GIRL
I LIKE...

I?
...



YOU'RE
COOL
THE
WAY
YOU
ARE.

YOU'RE
GOOD
ENOUGH
FOR
ME.



I'M
JUST A
COWARD-
LY
CHAME-
LEON...
I CAN'T
BE A
FREE
SPIRIT
LIKE
YOU.

I?
... BUT I
COULD-
NT...

I?
...



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(Sorry if this is hard to read.)

I decided to have some fun making unique plots.

This bear and rabbit are living in the same condo. For them to have a neighborly relationship, they first need to be friends.

So when I was drawing my own animal drawings,



I have been drawing animals since I was little.

Several decades later (sudden time skip)



There was a time when I was watching cartoons in my elementary school class, the cartoons consisting of a dog walking a dog and a bird eating bird meat, and some of the classmates would say:



I was doing this for fun and oh boy was it fun.

I made these kinds of stories in the form of manga and sold them in my art university's art festival, which made my university life quite enjoyable.

I'd like to think that most people have acted this pretentious and contrarian at least once in their childhood. I wonder if those kids are elementary school teachers right now.



(22 years old and job hunting with no success.)



I was having so much fun that I considered going pro, even though I didn't have any stable income at the time.

!!! My vocabulary was not this advanced when I was in elementary school.



They're trying to show off their enlightening analysis skills by denouncing creative work.

In any case, I hated that kind of stuff more than anything.

Please read this comic according to this line arrow.

*TL Note: Iidabashi is a railway station in Tokyo.

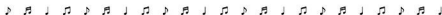


I'll continue to work hard, S-wa-san.

Listening to Music While Writing My Stories

I have stopped listening to music while working on my ongoing series, but for my oneshots, listening to music has become such a habit that I associate the chapter I'm working on with a particular song, an image song. It makes working on the chapter more enriching and more fun too. The songs are associated according to their atmosphere rather than their lyrics.

1. <i>The Lion and the Bat</i>	Teenage	Sakanaction
2. <i>The Tiger and the Beaver</i>	Seishun Ikinokori Geemu	Spitz
3. <i>The Camel and the Wolf</i>	Shiawase na Ketsumatsu	Ootaki Eiichi
4. <i>The Kangaroo and the Black Panther</i>	Kiken Sugiru	Asai Ken'ichi
5. <i>The Crocodile and the Gazelle</i>	OSKA	Tokyo Jihen
6. <i>The Fox and the Chameleon</i>	Creep	Radiohead



A Digression

After *Beast Complex*, a certain great castle from a certain great country made an animated movie about talking animals that got popular to rather utopian proportions, and soon after, behind the scenes, I had begun work on my long serial manga *BEASTARS*.

...Probably the most awkward time possible to start working on good ol' *BEASTARS*, but as of January 2018 I have up to six volumes released, so... keep supporting me, I guess.

The protagonist of *BEASTARS*,
Legosi (IT)



(I worked on chapters 5 and 6
a while after I started *BEASTARS*,
hence the drastic art shift...)









◆ THERE'S TROUBLE HAPPENING IN THE EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT!!



SIGH
WE'RE
REALLY
SCREWED.
WITH ADDITION
OF LAST
MONTH'S WORK,
ONE MORE
MESS UP AND
WE'RE THROUGH...
IT'S JUST
SO
DIFFICULT

THEY SAY
THAT SHE'S
REALLY
HARD
TO WORK
WITH

HAVE WE
STILL
NOT
HEARD
FROM
MS.
FIG
YET?



I MENTIONED
IN THE MEETING
YESTERDAY
THAT IT'S DIFFICULT
TO GET AHEAD OF
MS. FIG BUT I
WAS TOTALLY
IGNORED



BECAUSE MS.
FIG IS SUCH A
BRILLIANT WRITER,
HER WEEKLY
INSERTS IS
OUR COMPANY'S
MOST POPULAR
COLUMNS;
SHE MUST BE
UNDER
A LOT OF
PRESSURE

NO MATTER
WHAT, OUR
DEADLINE
IS TONIGHT,
WE HAVE
TO TURN
IT IN
SOMEHOW



WHY
IS
THAT?

HUH?

I JUST
THINK
YOU AND
MS. FIG
ARE
NOT TOO
COMPATIBLE



SHE IS A
VERY DELICATE
AUTHOR, YOU,
AS A
CARNIVORE,
COULD NEVER
BE ABLE TO
WORK WITH
HER



MS. FIG
HAS A REALLY
AMAZING WAY
OF DESCRIBING
THE EMOTIONS
AND FEELINGS
OF
HERBIVORES



SHE
COULD
EASILY
MEET UP
WITH
MS. FIG

INDEED,
IF IT WAS
MS. JIN,
WHOSE A
CHIPMUNK
...

SHE'S
ONLY
FRIENDLY
TO
HERBI-
VORES

W-WAIT
A
SECOND!

UNLIKE
MS. JIN
HERE
WHO COULD
POSSIBLY
RECIEVE
A MUCH
DIFFERENT
RESULT



AND I DON'T
EVEN KNOW
WHAT KIND
OF WRITER
MS. FIG
IS-

I'VE ONLY
BEEN
HERE
FOR A
MONTH!

WE MUST TRY
SOMETHING BY
ALL MEANS!!
TONIGHT'S THE
DEADLINE DON'T
YOU KNOW!!

IT DOESN'T
MATTER
IF YOU
DON'T KNOW,
BEING
SINCERE
IS THE
MOST
IMPORTANT
THING
AS AN
EDITOR

.....
I.....
UNDER-
STAND
...

THE
COMPANY
WILL HAVE
UNFORE-
SEEN
CONSE-
QUENCES
!!

IF WE CAN'T
PUBLISH
A STORY
FROM
MS. FIG
FOR OUR
WEEKLY
INSERT

T-THIS
LEVEL OF
PRESSURE
WON'T
CHANGE
THE FACT
THAT
MS. FIG
AND I
ARE
MOST
LIKELY
INCOM-
PATABLE

BEAST COMPLEX



"FOR RABBIT CUSTOMERS"

ROOM
201...
IS HERE



IS MS.
FIG
HOME?

KNOCK
KNOCK

AH..
I'M
GETTING
NERVOUS

LIVING IN
QUITE A
PEACEFUL
AND
INVITING
APARTMENT
I SEE...

THE
HIDDEN
CONDO

I'M... MS. JIN,
PUBLISHER
FROM
THE
HERBIVORE
SOCIETY
DEPARTMENT

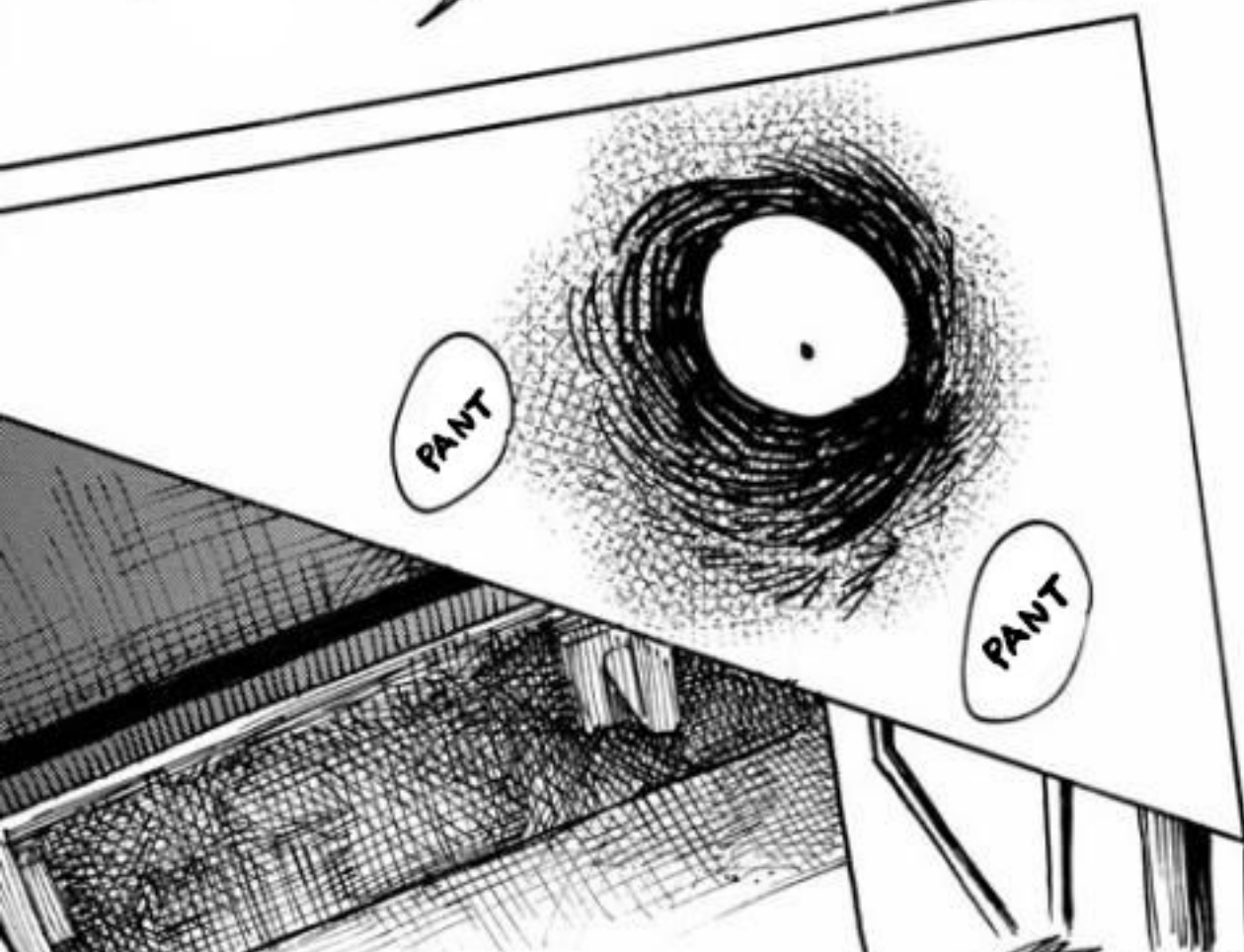
STOMP
STOMP



EXCUSE
ME?...

HOPEFULLY
YOU'RE
FEELING
OKAY...







IT SMELLS LIKE
A BEAST
WHO HASN'T
SHOWERED IN
A WHILE!



DARK AND
SUNKEN
EYES...

ON A CLOSER
INSPECTION, IT SEEMS
THAT NO ONE
CAN COMPETE
WITH HIS
IMPOSING MANNER

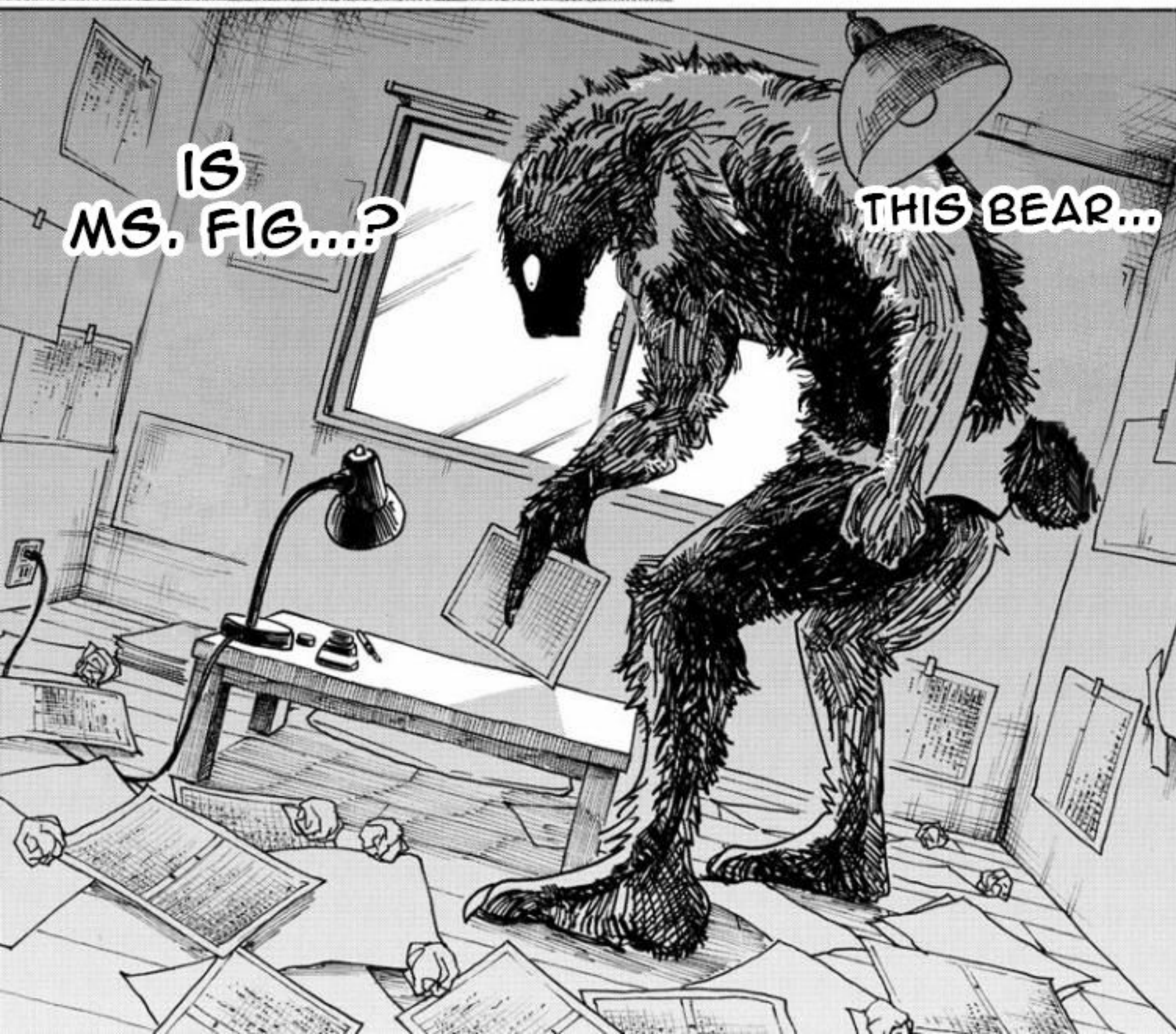
...




DO YOU
WANT TO
COME IN...?
THOUGH IT
IS QUITE
MESSY...

IS
MS. FIG...?

THIS BEAR...





YOU
ALSO
BELIEVED
THAT
RUMOR
THEN



IT'S BECAUSE
OF MY WRITING
STYLE, YOU
THOUGHT
IT APPROPRIATE
TO BRING
SUCH A GIFT



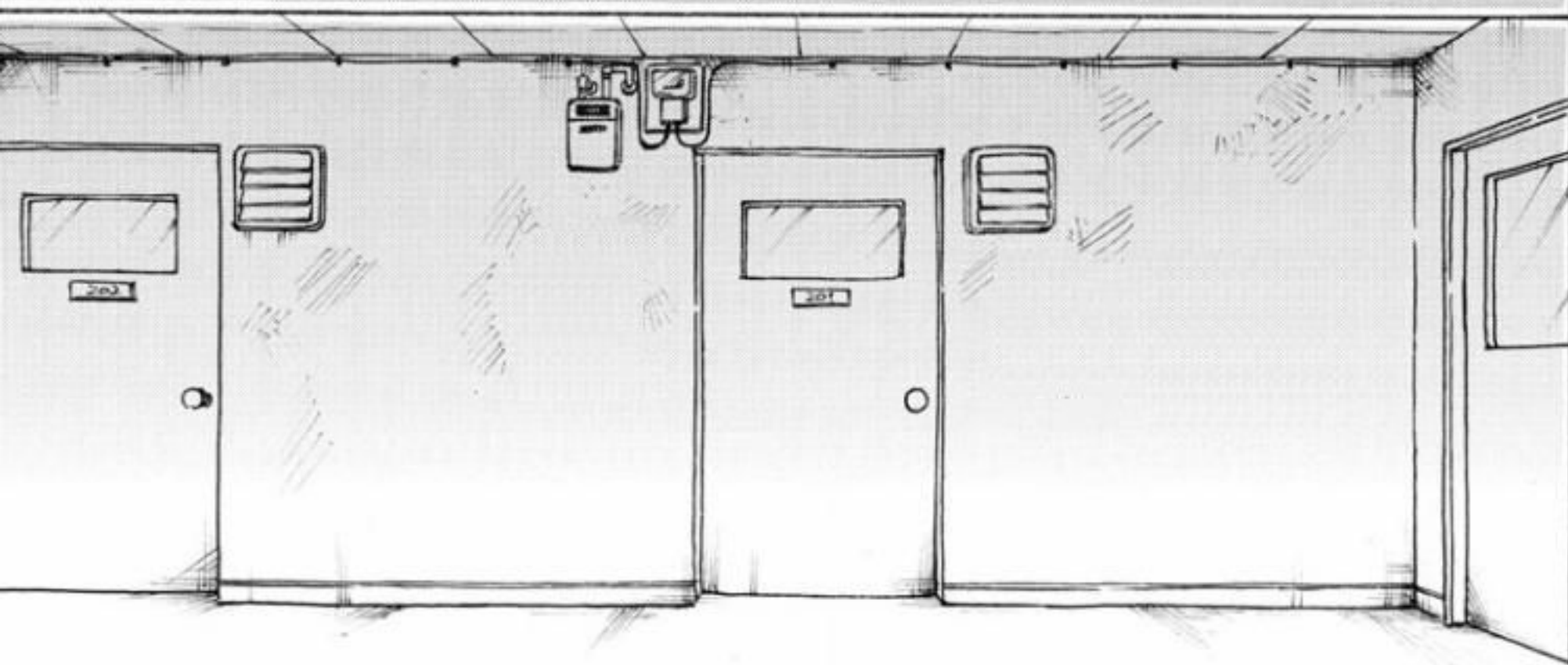
I'M
STILL
MISSING
ABOUT
HALF A
PAGE

PLEASE
DON'T
LEAVE
THE DOOR
OPEN,
YOU'RE
LETTING
THE IDEAS
AND
INSPIRATION
FLOW
OUT



THAT
MS.
FIG
WAS A
SNOW
RABBIT?

W-WHY
WAS
THERE
SUCH A
RUMOR?





I LEARNED
ABOUT MS.
FIG'S
NOVELS BACK
IN HIGH SCHOOL

ALL THE MAIN
CHARACATERS
WERE HERBIVORES
IN TODAY'S SOCIETY

I HAD FINISHED
ALL THE BOOKS
AND NOVELS
WITHIN A
RELATIVELY
SHORT TIME



THE AUTHOR
WAS LIKE A
GUIDING LIGHT
FOR THE WEAK,
THERE WERE
ONLY SO MANY
AUTHORS
WHO COULD
EXPRESS
THE YEARNINGS
OF HERBIVORES
IN SUCH A WAY



SO
GOOD
...





IT'S
REALLY
ACCURATE

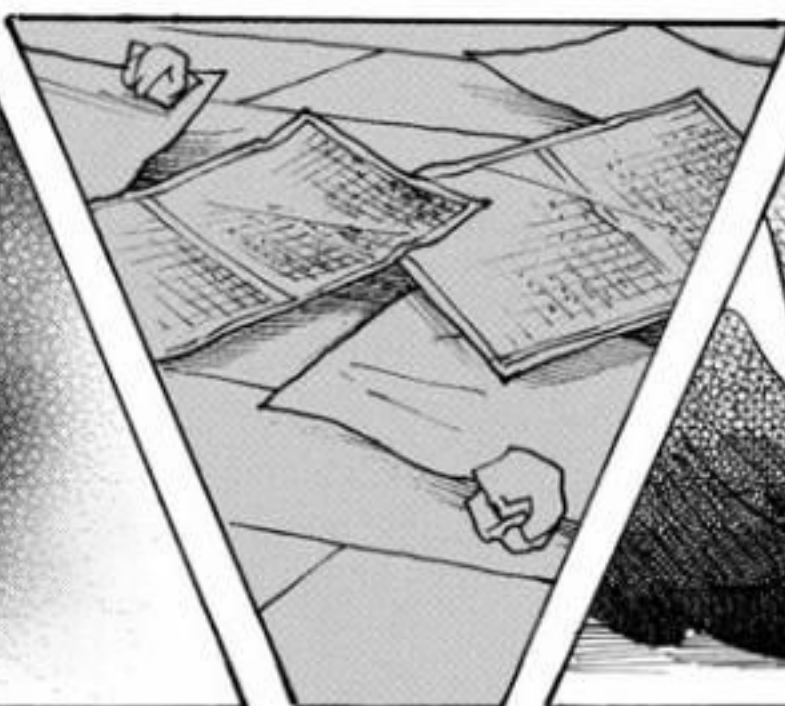


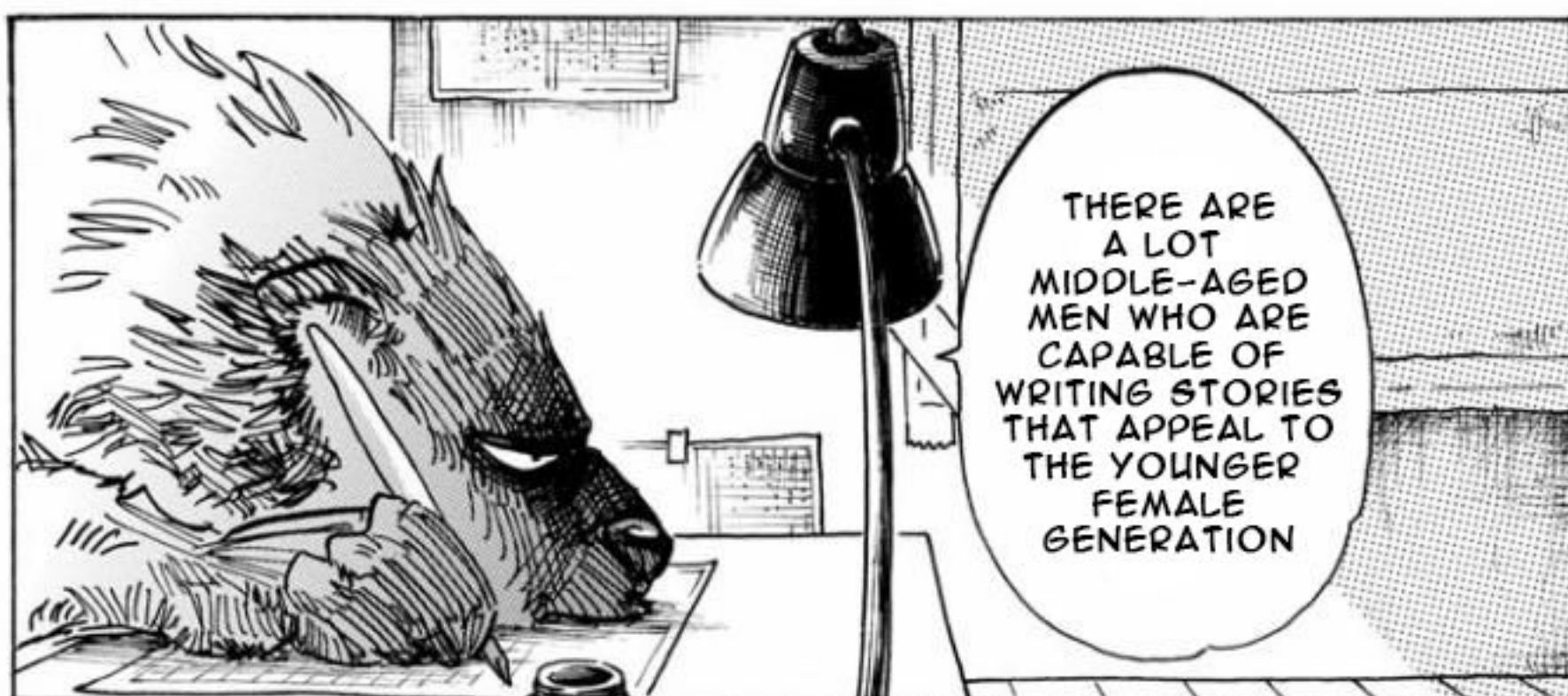
THE
WEAKNESS
OF US
HERBIVORES...
THE SORROW...
THE FEAR...
THE WAY
YOU DESCRIBE
IT...



IN OUR
DAILY
LIVES,
THE FEAR OF
CARNIVORES...
THE FEAR
OF BEING
EATEN...
THE FEAR
AS
HERBIVORES

HOW IS
IT POSSIBLE
THAT
YOU ARE
ABLE TO
UNDERSTAND
SUCH
A THING?





THERE ARE
A LOT
MIDDLE-AGED
MEN WHO ARE
CAPABLE OF
WRITING STORIES
THAT APPEAL TO
THE YOUNGER
FEMALE
GENERATION



EVEN IF THEY'RE
NOT YOUNG
WOMEN, THEY'RE STILL
ABLE TO PRODUCE
STORIES ABOUT
WOMEN'S DESIRES
OUT OF THIN AIR



I AM
UNABLE
TO DEEPLY
ENJOY
THE HEARTS
AND DESIRES
OF HERBIVORES
...
TO
FULLY
UNDERSTAND
IT...

BUT
WITHOUT
INSPIR-
ATION
...

I AM
POSSE-
SSED
BY A
SOUL
OF A
HERBIVORE

I'VE HIT
ROCK
BOTTOM,
WRITER'S
BLOCK

IN THE
END
I'M STILL
A BLACK
BEAR
...


H-HOW IS
THAT POSS-
IBLE?
IT SHOULD
BE FINE,
ANYTHING YOU
WRITE PEOPLE
WILL READ
!!

YOU'RE
ONLY
MISSING
HALF A
PAGE
RIGHT!?

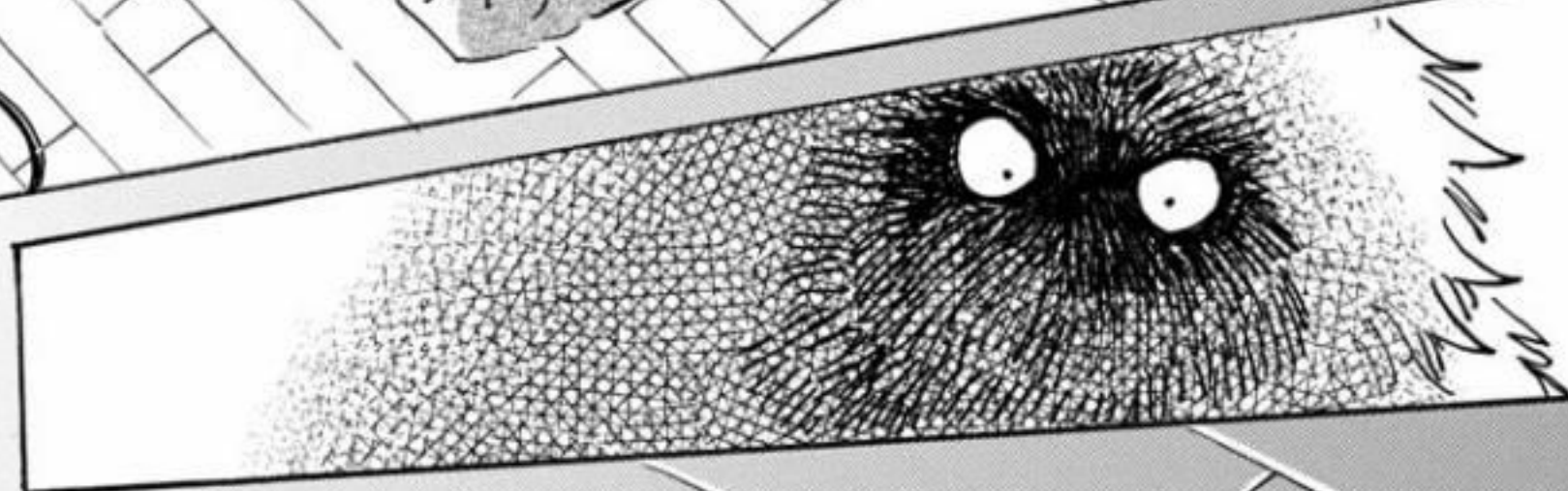
YOU REALLY
DON'T KNOW
HOW MUCH
THE FINAL
WORDS OF
A WRITING
CAN EFFECT
ITS
SUCCESS...

BUT THIS
ISN'T
SUCH A
SIMPLE
JOB!!





IN THE END,
MY WRITING
CAREER
COULD ONLY
MAKE IT
SO FAR...
IT SEEMS...
THAT I WILL
HAVE TO
FIND ANOTHER
WAY TO
FEED
MYSELF...



...
...
SENSEI
??





THE
EMOTIONS
OF A
HERBIVORE

I MUST
RETRIEVE
THOSE
FEELINGS
BACK

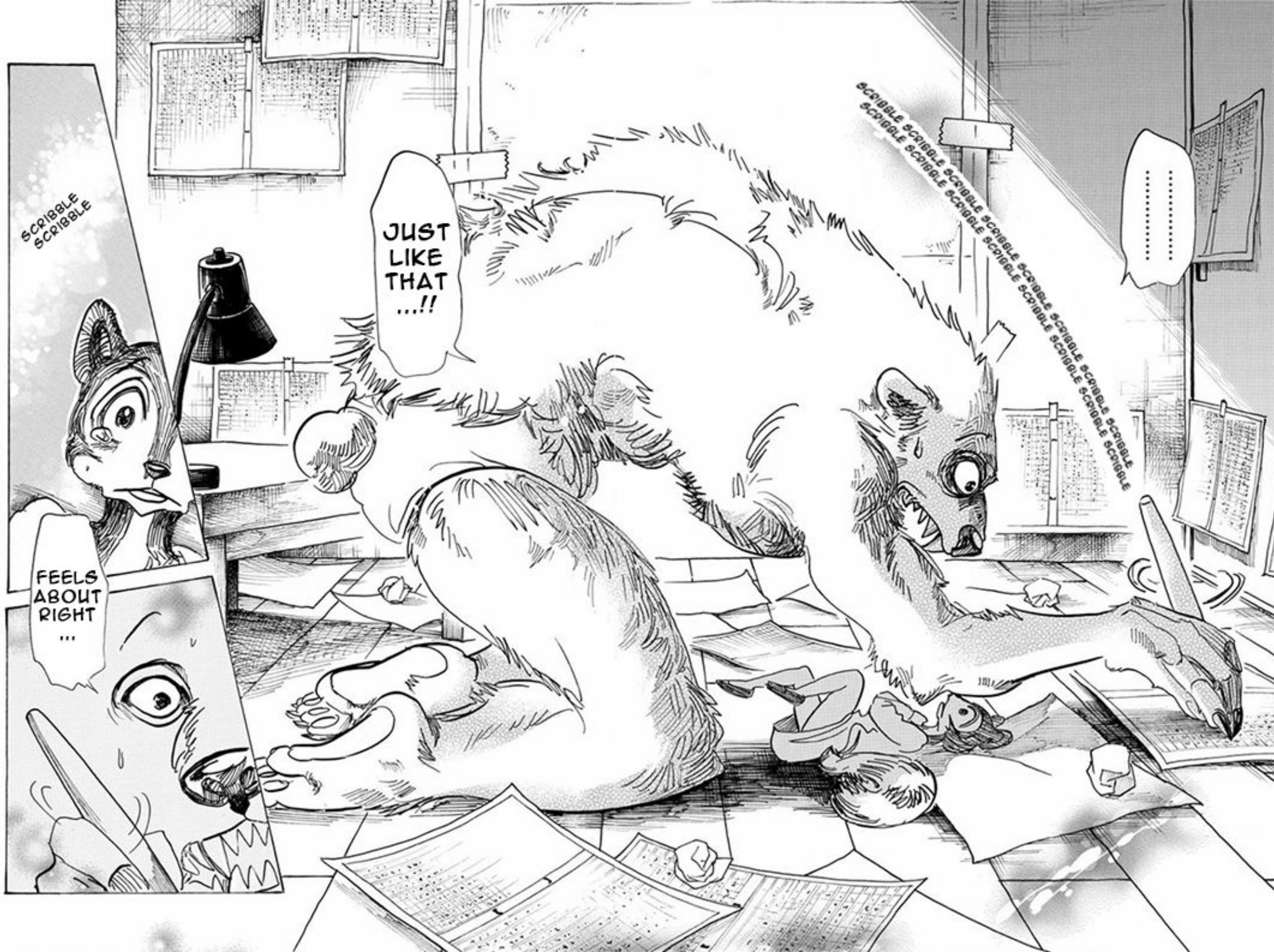
LET US
BECOME
ONE

SENSEI
...

AH...
HOW DID IT
END UP LIKE THIS?

RUSTLE
RUSTLE

IF YOU'RE
ABLE TO
COOPERATE,
THEN WE'D
BE ABLE
TO FINISH
THIS
MANUSCRIPT.
IT WOULD
BE SUCH
AN HONOR



scribble
scribble

JUST
LIKE
THAT
....!!

scribble scribble scribble scribble scribble scribble scribble scribble
scribble scribble scribble scribble scribble scribble scribble scribble

FEELS
ABOUT
RIGHT
...

『NOT WHAT
THEY CALLED
"FEAR"
BUT WHAT
THEY CALLED
"THE DESIRE
TO LIVE"』



『AT THAT
TIME, THOUGH
HER EYES
FILLED WITH
TEARS, HER
FACE EXUDED
VIVID
BRILLIANCE』



WHAT
DO
YOU
THINK?

WHAT I
JUST DID
WAS
BECAUSE
I WAS
RUNNING
OUT OF
INSPIRATION

YOUR
EXPRESSION...
THAT IS THE
EXPRESSION
OF LIFE AND
HOPE ITSELF





PLEASE
TAKE THIS
MANUSCRIPT

THANK YOU,
YOU ALLOWED
ME TO WRITE
DOWN A
GREAT
MOMENT
OF MATERIAL



IS IT
COMMON
TO HAVE
SUCH A LIFE-
THREATING
CASE
WHEN YOU
FIRST ENTER
A COMPANY
...?

I... I...
I MANAGED
TO GET
THE
MANUSCRIPT
...



OR...

DID HE REALLY
WANT TO
EAT ME...?

DID HE
HOLD ONTO
THE MANUSCRIPT
JUST SO
HE COULD GET
THAT STRIKE
OF BRILLIANCE...?



ALTHOUGH
I'M A
LITTLE
ANNOYED



THAT'S A
PRETTY
GOOD
ENDING



『NOT WHAT
THEY CALLED
"FEAR"
BUT WHAT
THEY CALLED
"THE DESIRE
TO LIVE"』

『AT THAT
TIME, THOUGH
HER EYES
FILLED WITH
TEARS, HER
FACE EXHDED
VIVID
BRILLIANCE』

USING LIFE AS A GAMBLE TO
GET A MANUSCRIPT



NOW IF
HE COULD
ONLY EXPLAIN
THE REASONING
AS TO WHY
HE NEEDED
THAT
BIT OF
WRITING
FOR THE
MANUSCRIPT

I WOULD NEVER
FORGIVE HIM
IF HE DIDN'T

ANYWAY,
AS A
CHIPMUNK,
GETTING THE
MANUSCRIPT
WAS
ALREADY A
BLESSING

[BEAST COMPLEX 完]

◎話題騒然「BEASTARS」は週刊少年チャンピオンで連載中!!